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WESTHAMPTON

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1976

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STANLEY BARTLETT

This year we are dedicating the Annual Town Report to Stanley Bartlett. Stanley moved to Westhampton from California in 1939, and has made his home since then with the Stuart Family on Stage Road. For many years he was caretaker for the Westhampton Cemetery, Town Hall, Library, Westhampton Church and Westhampton Center School until his retirement in 1968.

Stanley has served on numerous committee's and has been a Library Trustee, and served as our Fire Chief from 1956 to 1959. He can still be seen helping the Library when the need arises.

We are honored on behalf of the citizen's of Westhampton in expressing our appreciation to Stanley for his time, love, and devotion he has given to our Town.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

At the organizational meeting of the Board of Selectmen, David K. Bridgman was elected chairman; Henry M. Parsons III, Chairman of the Board of health and Lawrence M. Sullivan, clerk.

Major road projects this year consisted of the completion of Southampton Road and the commencing of work on Northwest Road.

Under a youth work program, sponsored by C.E.T.A., two employees were hired for nine weeks summer employment in the Highway Department. Their work consisted of scraping and painting bridges and cutting brush along roads. Also, under C.E.T.A. Title VI, the Highway Department was able to fill two positions. Craig Hebert was hired to one position and upon his resignation, David Morin was employed. Roscoe Hurd was hired to fill the other position.

The Town was fortunate in being able to employ Cynthia Tobin under the C.E.T.A. program as a secretary to the Selectmen and to help in the Library. This enabled us to complete the storage room in the cellar of the Town Hall so that old records of all Town departments are now filed in order. Mrs. Tobin was also available to all other Town officers when the work load so determined.

On May 1, the Board of Health entered into a contract with S. & T. Industries of Vernon, Connecticut; the agreement being they collect all properly disposed of glass from the Sanitary Landfill at an agreed fee. This agreement appears to be operating to our satisfaction and we urge all townspeople to dispose of any glass material in the containers so provided.

In July, the Board accepted with regret, the resignation of Ginny Curtis as a member of the Planning Board. Mrs. Curtis devoted many long hours of service to the town. William F. White was appointed to fill this position.

On November 1, Robert W. White's resignation as Veterans' Agent was accepted with regret and Ronald LaFosse was appointed to this post.

On December 13, Daniel Bishop resigned as a member of the Board of Assessors and Janice Gifford was appointed to fill this position until the annual election in April.

Henry M. Parsons III was appointed to serve on the selectmen's Association Advisory Board to Study the County Budget.

Several hearings were held and licenses issued for gasoline storage, retail milk, sewerage disposal, tag sales, Lord's day, Class 2 motor vehicle, camping and recreation, pole locations, food service establishments, day care center and junk dealers. Meetings were held with the Hilltown Selectmen's Assn., and the Hampshire County Selectmens' Assn.

The Board appointed a Growth Policy Development Act Committee composed of David K. Bridgman, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Virginia Curtis, Chairman of the Planning Board, Grant Bridgman and Felix DeSantis, Chairmen of the Conservation Committee, Lawrence Sullivan and Henry Parsons, Chairmen of the Board of Health and five members at large including Arthur Kimber, John McGinnis, Alfred Platz, Walter Kwolek and Frank Hathaway. Upon the resignation of Frank Hathaway, Stanley Greenberg was appointed to this committee. We also received a \$500.00 grant through the efforts of Art Kimber, from the Growth Policy Commission, to reprint our Town By-Law Book. Mr. Kimber also put much time and effort into a Growth Policy Questionnaire in regard to the Town.

The Board of Health investigated a number of complaints. They held two Swine Flu Clinics in the fall. This was done with the aid of Dr. and Mrs. James Averill, Dr. Neil D. Pivar, Nancy Bissell and Mrs. Euthecia Hancewicz.

Westhampton is fortunate in having many dedicated individuals who have donated untiringly of their time in a variety of activities this past year in the interest of the Town and the Board of Selectmen would like to thank everyone for their assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID K. BRIDGMAN
LAWRENCE M. SULLIVAN
HENRY M. PARSONS III
Board of Selectmen

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

January 1 - December 31, 1976

BIRTHS

April 2, 1976 Laurie Elizabeth Kwolek, daughter of
Walter Allen and Diane Marie (Tourville) Kwolek

April 15, 1975 Eric Christopher Scott, son of
Richard Maurice and Janet Marie (Loven) Scott

June 1, 1976 John Michael Allen, son of
Robert Richard and Ruth Ann (Ewig) Allen

June 10, 1976 Cynthia Marie Berard, daughter of
David John and Bonnie Phyllis (Mercier) Berard

June 20, 1976 Jason Gordon MacDonald, son of
Robert Edward and Linda Marie (O'Dea) MacDonald

July 2, 1976 Karen Lynnette Munson, daughter of
Donald Harvey and Jill (Connell) Munson

July 19, 1976 Molly Suzanne Puc, daughter of
Theodore Casimir and Eloise Lila (Neumann) Puc

August 7, 1976 Shawn Francis Wood, son of
Gary Francis and Patricia Ann (Weslowski) Wood

August 28, 1976 Daniel Curran Myers, son of
Richard David and Cathleen (Curran) Myers

October 13, 1976 Hannah Jayne Pivar, daughter of
Neil Douglas and Leslie Ann (Silvers) Pivar

October 15, 1976 Kate Melissa Parsons, daughter of
Henry Moore III and Margaret Angela (Sterni) Parsons

December 29, 1976 Jaime Ann Schmidt, daughter of
David Frank and Beverly Ann (Patterson) Schmidt

MARRIAGES

January 15, 1976 James Oliver Hickey of Westhampton and
Margaret Brown (Fisher) McNabb of Westhampton

January 17, 1976 David Burt Lyman of Westhampton and
Diana Jeannette Passburg of East Longmeadow

February 13, 1976 Leon Jay Bishop of Westhampton and
Elizabeth Jane Hill of Easthampton

March 20, 1976 Mark Packard Eldred of Goshen and
Susan Marie Ducharme of Westhampton

April 3, 1976	Joseph Paul Auger of Westhampton and Judy Ann Johnson of Northampton
April 4, 1976	Jay Delisle of Worcester and Donna Inman of Worcester
April 24, 1976	Thomas Lynn Graham of Easthampton and Diane Elizabeth Blakesley of Westhampton
May 8, 1976	Wayne Joseph Buzzee of Westhampton and Karen Marie Thibodeau of Easthampton
June 5, 1976	Robert Edward MacDonald of Westhampton and Linda Marie O'Dea of Northampton
July 4, 1976	Robert William Pajak of Westhampton and Helene Elizabeth Miller of Westhampton
July 17, 1976	F. Austin Miller of Westhampton and Jean R. F. Spink of Westhampton
July 17, 1976	Rodney Joseph Champoux of Westhampton and Suzanne May Loud of Westhampton
August 17, 1976	Daniel Joseph Fisher of Westhampton and Helen Ann Kaleta of Easthampton
August 21, 1976	Denis Marcel Lajoie of Easthampton and Kathleen Ann Kirby of Westhampton
September 18, 1976	Edward Clifford Fisher of Westhampton and Janie Ann Long of Westhampton
October 2, 1976	Charles Eugene Andrews of Westhampton and Patricia L. Egan of Holyoke
November 20, 1976	Roger Edward Labrie of Southampton and Christine Ruth Scott of Westhampton
December 3, 1976	Frederick H. Burr, Jr. of Westhampton and Ann (Alexander) Marshall of Manchester, Conn.
December 13, 1976	Wayne Alan Cernak of Westhampton and Judith A. (Larkin) Montgomery of Northampton

DEATHS

		Yrs.	Mos.	Days
January 27, 1976	Edward Alfred Montague	73	0	28
January 16, 1976	Obed Blakesley	81	6	1
March 25, 1976	Michael X. Andrews III	20	6	14
December 9, 1976	Rhoda (Snow) Parsons	84	3	23

DOG LICENSES

Licenses Issued:

142 Males	at \$3.00	\$ 426.00	
19 Females	at 6.00	114.00	
79 Spayed	at 3.00	237.00	
21 Kennel	at 10.00	210.00	
3 Kennel	at 25.00	75.00	
1 Kennel	at 50.00	50.00	
		<u>50.00</u>	\$1,112.00
Paid to Town Treasurer		1,019.25	
Retained 265 fees at 35c		<u>92.75</u>	\$1,112.00

FISH AND GAME LICENSES

Licenses Issued:

135 Resident Fishing	at \$8.25	\$1,113.75	
70 Resident Hunting	at 8.25	577.50	
96 Sporting	at 13.50	1,296.00	
13 Minor Fishing	at 6.25	118.75	
5 Non-Res. Cit. Fishing	at 14.25	71.25	
1 Non-Res. 7-day Fishing	at 8.25	8.25	
1 Minor Trapping	at 6.25	6.25	
2 Citizen Trapping	at 11.50	23.00	
6 Duplicates	at 1.00	6.00	
4 Non-Res.			
Big Game Hunting	at 35.25	141.00	
13 Res. Cit.			
Sporting - over 70		-----	
24 Archery Stamps	at 5.10	t122.40	
14 Waterfowl Stamps	at 1.25	<u>17.50</u>	
			\$3,501.65
Paid to Division of Fisheries & Game		\$3,412.50	
Retained 24 fees at .10		2.40	
Retained 347 fees at .25		<u>86.75</u>	\$3,501.65

Respectfully submitted,
JEANNE C. BRIDGMAN
Westhampton Town Clerk

I have examined the accounts of the Town Clerk and find them to be correct.

Respectfully submitted
BEVERLY A. BISHOP
Town Auditor

DISBURSEMENTS BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

1976

	Jan. — June 1976	June — Dec. 1976	TOTAL
STREET & WRIGHT FUND			
Frank Munson	0	127.64	127.64
THAYER FUND			
Charlotte Wood	0	26.82	26.82
Charles Ognibene	0	26.82	26.82
		53.64	53.64
HAMPSHIRE MENTAL HEALTH AND RETARDATION FUND			
Franklin/Hampshire Mental Health and Retardation Services	0	793.00	793.00
BICENTENNIAL			
Militiamen Parade Ball	24.00	0	24.00
Ernest A. Delisle Co.	6.66	0	6.66
	30.66		
BRIDGES AND RAILINGS			
Ernest A. Delisle Co.	116.00	36.27	152.27
Cadillac Paint & Varnish	306.90	0	306.90
	<u>422.90</u>	<u>36.27</u>	<u>459.17</u>
CEMETERY			
John Warren	300.00	450.00	750.00
TOTMAN	INTEREST		
John Warren	150.00	0	150.00
CHAPTER 765			
Donald Munson	760.00	536.00	1,296.00
Charles Kleeberg	571.20	287.30	858.50
R. L. Benson	83.80	0	83.80
Lane Construction Corp.	41.11	453.81	494.92
Ernest A. Delisle Co.	21.83	9.67	31.50
Stillman G. Brooks	72.00	0	72.00
Machine Fund	1,325.00	554.40	1,879.70
Agway Inc.	66.70	38.50	105.20
Roscoe Hurd	32.50	85.00	117.50
Omasta Bros.	60.00	11,285.00	11,345.00
Tobin Bros.	18.90	0	18.90
Cernak Farm Supply	84.46	0	84.46
All States Asphalt Inc.	0	2,914.53	2,914.53
Robert Miller	0	21.00	21.00
John S. Lane & Son Inc.	0	849.18	849.18
Westhampton Sand & Gravel Inc.	0	514.83	514.83
Daniel Krug	0	1,144.20	1,144.20
Art Cement Products Inc.	0	277.00	277.00
Taylor Rental	0	36.00	36.00
	<u>3,137.80</u>	<u>19,006.47</u>	<u>22,147.27</u>

CHAPTER 825

Donald Munson	1,132.00	148.00	1,280.00
Charles Kleeberg	880.60	59.50	940.10
Machine Fund	142.10	0	142.10
Warner Bros. Inc.	292.31	151.88	444.19
Ernest A. Delisle	70.07	76.40	146.47
Lane Construction Corp.	24.14	504.02	528.16
Westhampton Sand & Gravel	13.78	902.14	915.92
Standen Steel	92.69	0	92.69
Del Chemical	174.63	0	174.63
Omasta Bros. Inc.	100.00	160.00	260.00
Cernak Fuel	270.46	0	270.46
D & D Auto	2.24	0	2.24
Fenner Spring	19.50	0	19.50
Graves Equipment	31.02	0	31.02
Roscoe hurd	81.25	17.00	98.25
Tom Hathaway	64.50	328.00	392.50
Donovan Bros. Inc.	0	876.70	876.70
Daniel Krug	0	64.50	64.50
Tobin Bros. Inc.	0	102.99	102.99
All States Asphalt Inc.	0	3,947.13	3,947.13
Share Corp.	0	75.00	75.00
R. L. Benson	0	1,545.00	1,545.00
	<u>3,391.29</u>	<u>8,958.26</u>	<u>12,349.55</u>

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE PAYROLL

Donald Munson	336.00	36.00	372.00
Charles Kleeberg	248.20	0	248.20
Stillman G. Brooks	<u>864.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>864.00</u>
	<u>1,448.20</u>	<u>36.00</u>	<u>1,484.20</u>

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE MATERIAL

R. Ducharme Inc.	0	359.77	359.77
Westhampton Sand & Gravel	0	785.73	785.73
Lane Construction Corp.	0	362.39	362.39
Tobin Bros. Inc.	0	103.30	103.30
R. L. Benson Inc.	<u>0</u>	<u>1,115.28</u>	<u>1,115.28</u>
	0	<u>2,726.47</u>	<u>2,726.47</u>

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION

Daniel Krug	0	181.75	181.75
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CIVIL DEFENSE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	107.65	91.50	199.15
Charles Norris	<u>0</u>	<u>24.00</u>	<u>24.00</u>
	<u>107.65</u>	<u>115.50</u>	<u>223.15</u>

CLERICAL HIRE

Margaret Parsons	200.00	0	200.00
Geraldine Ognibene	<u>200.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>200.00</u>
	<u>400.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>400.00</u>

COUNSEL FEES			
Lewis A. Whitney Jr.	530.50	69.08	599.58
DOG OFFICER			
James H. McGill	160.00	262.00	422.00
DOG LICENSES TO HAMPSHIRE COUNTY			
Hampshire County Treasurer	1,053.80	207.75	1,261.55
FIRE CHIEF AND FOREST WARDEN			
David K. Bridgman	150.00	0	150.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT			
Mass. Fire Equipment Corp.	523.35	317.18	840.53
Falcetti & Clark Elec. Supply Inc.	5.04	0	5.04
David K. Bridgman	6.00	0	6.00
Munson Auto Supply Inc.	0	31.27	31.27
C & I Distributors	0	62.00	62.00
	534.39	410.45	944.84
GROUP INSURANCE			
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	2,802.00	2,703.60	5,505.60
Aetna Insurance	92.10	93.60	185.70
	2,894.10	2,797.20	5,691.30
FEDERAL WITHHOLDING TAX			
Pioneer National Bank	7,248.90	7,265.70	14,514.60
STATE WITHHOLDING TAX			
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	2,353.96	2,359.40	4,713.36
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT			
Hampshire County Treasurer	976.78	903.53	1,880.31
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEMS TAX			
Hampshire County Treasurer	0	2,664.50	2,664.50
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY TAX			
Hampshire County Treasurer	11,652.54	16,797.29	28,449.83
HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL ASSESSMENT			
Treasurer	80,526.66	82,722.17	163,248.83
HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT			
School Lunch Program	4,457.35	3,181.24	7,638.59
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS			
Meals Tax	19.36	11.49	30.85
HOLIDAY PAY			
Donald Munsom	36.00	180.00	216.00
Charles Kleeberg	30.60	153.00	183.60
	66.60	333.00	399.60
SICK PAY			
Charles Kleeberg	0	153.00	153.00
Donald Munson	0	16.00	16.00
	0	169.00	169.00

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Tripod Audio	20.79	0	20.79
Forbes Library	75.50	0	75.50
Carol Dubie	0	25.00	25.00
Whalen's Stationery	<u>0</u>	<u>9.88</u>	<u>9.88</u>
	96.29	34.88	131.17

INSURANCE AND BONDS

Fickert, Howard & Wragg Ins. Agy.	2,013.00	534.25	2,547.25
King Cushman Insurance	20.00	0	20.00
Salls-Whalen Insurance Agency	1,644.06	2,207.46	3,851.52
Francis P. Lyons Ins. Agency	<u>282.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>282.00</u>
	3,959.06	2,741.71	6,700.77

LIBRARY

New England Telephone	77.28	84.45	161.73
Field and Stream Club	9.73	10.94	20.67
Doubleday Bargain Book Club	64.87	53.12	117.99
Literary Guild	26.75	119.38	146.13
WMCO	95.41	161.15	256.56
Eleanor Miller	792.16	791.20	1,583.36
Pepin Fuel	265.05	26.42	291.47
Book-of-theMonth Club	121.28	144.59	265.87
World Book Encyclopedia Inc.	8.95	0	8.95
Outdoor Life Book Club	17.28	22.28	39.56
Popular Mechanics	7.00	0	7.00
Grolier Enterprises Inc.	21.68	36.55	58.23
Demco Educational Corp.	66.70	0	66.70
Stillman G. Brooks	16.00	0	16.00
Fickert, Howard & Wragg Ins.	261.00	0	261.00
Seventeen	7.95	0	7.95
Highsmith	25.31	0	25.31
Parker Publishing Inc.	9.34	0	9.34
Rodale Press Inc.	25.87	3.37	29.24
Sphere Magazine	11.95	0	11.95
Guidepost Association	4.95	0	4.95
Stackpole	25.89	0	25.89
Upstart Library Promotions	11.00	0	11.00
Yankee Magazine	7.00	0	7.00
Manchester Hardware	133.44	0	133.44
Early American Society	8.00	0	8.00
Baker and Taylor	24.68	0	24.68
Consumer Reports	0	11.00	11.00
National Geographic Society	0	22.00	22.00
Word Book Club	0	13.00	13.00
Frank Munson	0	6.30	6.30
Popular Science Book Club	0	11.64	11.64
The Conservationist	0	3.50	3.50
Good Housekeeping	0	14.97	14.97
McCall's	0	6.95	6.95

Reader's Digest	0	7.57	7.57
Sports Afield	0	7.00	7.00
Sincage Printing Co.	0	25.00	25.00
University Products Inc.	0	15.70	15.70
RCA Music Service	0	9.57	9.57
Midway Electric Supply Inc.	0	6.64	6.64
Raymond G. Sarafin	0	116.50	116.50
Lori Laprade	0	29.90	29.90
Prevention	0	7.85	7.85
Better Homes and Gardens	0	8.00	8.00
Zipcode Directory	0	4.95	4.95
Norwood Oil Co.	0	76.75	76.75
House and Garden	0	10.00	10.00
Merrigan's Pharmacy	0	9.95	9.95
Country Journal	0	8.50	8.50
Organic Gardening	0	7.85	7.85
	2,146.52	1,894.54	4,041.06
LSCA TITLE I			
Radio Shack	145.47	0	145.47
Manchester Hardware	49.75	0	49.75
Doubleday Books	2.54	0	2.54
Western Publishing	38.60	0	38.60
Hunting Book Shop	235.87	0	235.87
Stanley Bartlett	0	9.98	9.98
Merrigan's Pharmacy	0	97.53	97.53
Stop and Shop Co. Inc.	0	122.82	122.82
ABC School Supply Co.	0	67.42	67.42
Beckley Candy Co.	0	59.68	59.68
Whalen Stationery & Office Supply	0	6.87	6.87
Eleanor Miller	0	10.48	10.48
	472.23	374.78	847.01
MEMORIAL DAY			
George Burt	18.00	0	18.00
Sabin's	20.00	0	20.00
Federal Supply	28.00	5.00	33.00
	66.00	5.00	71.00
POLICE ACCOUNT			
Sentry Uniform & Equipment Inc.	28.40	34.70	63.10
Donald Blakesley	149.30	123.70	273.00
James O. Hickey	56.80	32.50	89.30
Charles Inman	44.00	34.50	78.50
Frances H. Loud	2.05	5.90	7.95
Howard Printers	44.00	0	44.00
Commonwealth of massachusetts	10.00	0	10.00
Munson Auto Supply	21.63	0	21.63
Charles Norris	49.30	54.40	103.70
Valley Sport Center	0	17.10	17.10
Albert I. Cartledge	0	3.96	3.96
	405.48	306.76	712.24

POLICE CHIEF			
Francis H. Loud	250.00	0	250.00
POSTAGE & TELEPHONE			
Olga C. Hathaway	47.04	0	47.04
New England Telephone	608.58	627.14	1,235.72
Postmaster	238.80	205.80	444.60
Margaret Parsons	20.22	8.84	29.06
Geraldine Ognibene	23.00	23.00	46.00
A. Lyman Snow	1.50	0	1.50
Jeanne C. Bridgman	8.50	0	8.50
Dorothy Miller	0	2.93	2.93
	<u>947.64</u>	<u>867.71</u>	<u>1,815.35</u>
RECREATION			
Southampton Insurance	165.00	0	165.00
Holyoke Sporting Goods	151.05	0	151.05
Anita Hickey	5.50	0	5.50
	<u>321.55</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>321.55</u>
PRINTING & SUPPLIES			
Daily Hampshire Gazette	63.30	169.98	233.58
Hobbs and Warren Inc.	52.45	134.38	186.83
Robert F. Czelusniak	27.00	41.25	68.25
Forbes Snyder Office Products	58.69	51.17	109.86
Easthampton News	977.04	127.50	1,104.54
Albert I. Cartledge	16.33	4.63	20.96
Dorothy Miller	5.70	0	5.70
Frank Truehart	2.50	0	2.50
Olga Hathaway	4.63	0	4.63
Jeanne C. Bridgman	2.45	0	2.45
Ginny Curtis	17.30	0	17.30
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	0	10.00	10.00
Marcus Printing	28.00	0	28.00
Whalen Stationery & Office Supply	0	13.45	13.45
Charles Ognibene	0	155.00	155.00
Sincage Printing Co.	0	240.00	240.00
	<u>1,255.69</u>	<u>947.36</u>	<u>2,203.05</u>
ROAD MACHINERY & FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDINGS			
WMECO	128.40	112.84	241.24
Pepin Fuel	75.51	115.68	191.19
James G. Hickey	44.34	0	44.34
Mass. Fire Equipment	16.00	0	16.00
Norwood Oil Co.	0	449.86	449.86
Ernest A. Delisle Co.	0	113.19	113.19
	<u>264.25</u>	<u>791.57</u>	<u>1,055.82</u>
ROAD MACHINERY			
Easthampton Welding & Radiator	39.95	112.84	241.24
Schultz Lubricant Inc.	164.70	508.78	673.48
Bak Citgo Co.	12.00	360.96	372.96
Tri County Contractors Supply	487.64	99.10	586.74

D & D Auto Parts	251.01	31.24	282.25
Ernest A. Delisle Co.	109.20	504.17	613.37
Merriam Graves Corp.	78.96	47.55	126.51
Witt-Armstrong Eq. Co.	255.16	67.80	292.96
Pepin Fuel Co.	1,314.13	363.63	1,677.76
Graves Equipment Inc.	2,449.89	388.95	2,838.84
Cernak Farm Supply	1,525.52	1,317.95	2,843.47
R.O. Brand Products Inc.	553.16	44.16	597.32
State Chemical	25.26	0	25.26
Munson Auto Supply Inc.	188.00	470.37	658.37
Plumb Auto Supply Inc.	48.81	13.23	62.04
Bartniche Equipment	202.21	0	202.21
Aldrich Auto Supply	54.60	0	54.60
M. Salvatore	25.00	0	25.00
Keeley International	58.00	0	58.00
Smith Glass	3.50	0	3.50
Matt's Garage	700.73	0	700.73
New England Wheel & Parts	18.31	0	18.31
Farrara Spring & Parts Inc.	846.72	0	846.72
Sarafin & Montague	67.50	0	67.50
Radio Shack	49.51	0	49.51
Wholesale Distrubutors	115.54	0	115.54
Foster & Farrar Co.	41.34	0	41.34
Valley Sport Center	7.31	56.71	64.02
Manchester Hardware	3.60	0	3.60
Young Broom Co.	94.05	89.10	183.15
George Tobin	250.00	0	250.00
Baskin Truck	350.00	0	350.00
Scudder GMC	18.20	0	18.20
Taylor Rental	7.00	0	7.00
Brightman Truck	100.00	0	100.00
Del Chemical	18.30	0	18.30
Mahlon Parsons	46.66	0	46.66
Foster & Co. Inc.	0	124.32	124.32
Republic Distributors Inc.	0	220.60	220.60
Steer-O-Matic Safety Inc.	0	49.00	49.00
Northampton Firestone Tire	0	792.35	792.35
B.J. McLaughlin Equip. Co.	0	260.00	260.00
Frank's Auto Body	0	128.84	128.84
Norwood Oil Co.	0	98.57	98.57
Bak's Automotive Center Inc.	0	491.14	491.14
Westhampton Auto Parts	0	64.25	64.25
Don Gleason's Campers Supply Inc.	0	27.54	27.54
C. A. Krohne & Sons	0	61.87	61.87
J.A. Jackson Corp.	0	8.80	8.80
Standan Steel Inc.	0	68.85	68.85
Agway Inc.	0	18.95	18.95
Share Corp.	0	66.96	66.96
	<u>10,551.47</u>	<u>6,968.74</u>	<u>17,520.21</u>

SNOW REMOVAL, SANDING & ROADWORK

Donald Munson	3,157.00	391.00	3,548.00
Charles Kleeberg	2,112.65	161.50	2,274.15
Tri County Contractors	170.35	147.38	317.73
Charles Norris	22.75	0	22.75
Stillman Brooks	869.00	0	869.00
Clarence Delisle	40.00	0	40.00
Morton Salt	4,793.25	0	4,793.25
Frank Montague	12.25	0	12.25
Merrill Witherell	159.25	0	159.25
R.O. Brand Products	166.90	76.40	243.30
Ernest A. Delisle	47.04	0	47.04
Roscoe Hurd	93.00	118.15	211.15
Harold's Garage	75.00	0	75.00
Cernak Farm Supply	423.64	0	423.64
Westhampton Sand & Gravel	1,996.84	542.16	2,539.00
Witt Armstrong	254.85	0	254.85
Munson Auto Supply	0	212.94	212.94
David Morin	0	4.50	4.50
	<u>14,393.77</u>	<u>1,654.03</u>	<u>16,047.80</u>

TAX ABATEMENTS

Alfred Platz	8.80	0	8.80
Stanley Bartlett	36.30	0	36.30
Alan Lampson	26.95	0	26.95
Edward Montague Jr.	19.80	0	19.80
Rev. Willard Peterson	11.55	0	11.55
Thomas Hathaway	82.50	0	82.50
Sidney Cole	2.47	0	2.47
W. Challet	10.20	0	10.20
Daniel Whitely	38.50	0	38.50
J. Cernak	16.50	0	16.50
Jessie Cole	38.50	0	38.50
Frank Munson	17.80	0	17.80
James Averill	12.10	0	12.10
Leo Aloisi	14.85	0	14.85
R. Sylvia	22.40	0	22.40
Mahlon Parsons III	11.20	0	11.20
John Clapp	46.75	0	46.75
Walter Brown	17.80	0	17.80
Alice Fox	16.50	0	16.50
Richard Jacque	9.62	0	9.62
Minnie Payson	17.80	0	17.80
Charles Ognibene	8.80	0	8.80
Merrill Witherell	268.83	0	268.83
George Smith	0	13.75	13.75
Bonnie Ferrara	0	39.32	39.32
Richard W. Tracy	0	15.40	15.40
Gordon Loomis	0	19.80	19.80
Robert White	0	24.75	24.75

Paul Winsky	0	8.25	8.25
Patricia Skrocki	0	47.85	47.85
Lorraine Spencer	0	39.60	39.60
Nacke Inc.	0	9.63	9.63
Robert Ducharme	0	96.25	96.25
Brenda Buzzee	0	15.95	15.95
Terrance Farley	0	64.00	64.00
Gilbert Wright	0	11.55	11.55
David Haines III	0	11.00	11.00
James Peterson	0	11.00	11.00
Andrew Blow	0	9.90	9.90
Mark Hancock	0	13.75	13.75
Geraldine Ongibene	0	7.70	7.70
Ann Tracy	0	52.25	52.25
Richard Warren	0	34.65	34.65
Lauris Fernald Jr.	0	38.77	38.77
Raymond Tucker	0	37.95	37.95
Frank Montague	0	11.55	11.55
	756.52	634.62	1,391.14
TOWN DUMP			
Charles Kleeberg	296.55	61.20	357.75
David Blakesley	763.65	780.00	1,543.65
Merrill Witherell	277.88	266.50	544.38
Donald Munson	120.00	342.00	462.00
Roscoe Hurd	16.25	157.10	173.35
Bak Tire	30.00	0	30.00
	1,504.33	1,606.80	3,111.13
TOWN HALL			
WMECO	24.20	16.67	40.87
New England Blue Print	235.00	0	235.00
James O. Hickey	1,523.78	0	1,523.78
Sabin's	0	6.75	6.75
Hampshire Lumber Co.	0	62.28	62.28
Ernest A. Delisle	0	2.90	2.90
Kenneth Wood	0	2.80	2.80
	1,782.98	91.40	1,874.38
TOWN OFFICERS			
Mass. Collector's & Treasurer's Assoc.	0	15.00	15.00
Lawrence Sullivan, Selectmen	200.00	0	200.00
Mass. Selectmen Assoc.	15.00	103.00	118.00
Assoc. of Mass. Assessors	21.00	0	21.00
Mass. Town Clerk's Assoc.	10.00	10.00	20.00
Charles Ognibene, Tax Collector	900.00	675.00	1,575.00
Evelyn Tracy, Election Officer	37.00	48.50	85.50
Shirley Bardwell	23.00	0	23.00
Ruth Gagnon,	37.00	40.50	77.50
Harold Lacombe	8.00	17.75	25.75
John Clapp,	29.00	30.00	59.00

Margaret Cloutier, "	0	48.50	48.50
Claire E. Loud, "	0	12.50	12.50
Stillman Brooks, Jr., "	0	2.00	2.00
Mary Jane Carey, "	0	8.50	8.50
Garry Anderson, "	14.00	8.50	22.50
Janice Tracy, "	0	2.00	2.00
Omer G. Thibault "	0	2.00	2.00
Bette L. McGill, "	0	2.00	2.00
Anita F. Hickey "	0	2.00	2.00
A. Lyman Snow, Animal Insp.	25.00	0	25.00
David Bridgman, Selectman	450.00	0	450.00
Henry Parsons, Selectman	400.00	0	400.00
Olga Hathaway, Treasurer	1,000.00	0	1,000.00
Jeanne Bridgman, Town Clerk	500.00	0	500.00
Daniel Bishop, Assessor	400.00	0	400.00
Alfred Platz, Assessor	350.00	0	350.00
Frank Montague, Assessor	350.00	0	350.00
Beverly Bishop, Auditor	75.00	0	75.00
Philip Norris, School Committee	150.00	0	150.00
James G. Hickey	125.00	0	125.00
Ruth Sullivan, School Committee	125.00	0	125.00
James McGill, Dog Officer	100.00	0	100.00
Robert White, Veteran's Agent	100.00	0	100.00
James McGill, Building Inspector	100.00	0	100.00
Ronald Patterson, Gas Pipe Insp.	50.00	0	50.00
Richard Williams, Wiring Insp.	50.00	0	50.00
James G. Hickey, Plumbing Insp.	100.00	0	100.00
Jeanne Bridgman, Clerk, Bd. of Reg.	50.00	0	50.00
Susan Montague, Census	75.00	0	75.00
Richard Tracy, Moderator	40.00	0	40.00
Lower Pion. Va. Reg. Planning	95.16	0	95.16
McGee and McGane	1,800.00	0	1,800.00
Assoc. of Town Finance Comm.	40.00	45.00	85.00
Jessie M. Cole	0	6.50	6.50
Mass. Federations of Planning Bds.	0	30.00	30.00
	7,844.16	1,109.25	8,953.41
TRAVEL EXPENSE			
Mass. Selectmen's Assoc.	15.00	0	15.00
David K. Bridgman	4.40	17.50	21.90
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Ginny Curtis	10.00	0	10.00
Dunfey's Hyannis Resort	0	78.00	78.00
Henry Parsons	0	12.50	12.50
Lawrence Sullivan	0	7.50	7.50
	29.40	115.50	144.90
TREE REMOVAL			
J & L Tree Service	0	260.00	260.00
VACATION PAY			
Charles Kleeberg	0	306.00	306.00

VETERAN'S RELIEF			
Case # 1	0	100.00	100.00
WELL CHILD AND IMMUNIZATION CLINIC			
Stella Swanson	35.00	0	35.00
Margaret Hayes	0	44.85	44.85
	35.00	44.85	79.85
STATE PARKS AND RECREATION TAX			
Commonwealth of Mass.	0	3,858.80	3,858.80
PROTECTIVE AMBULANCE SERVICE			
Paramedic Ambulance Service	0	1,260.00	1,260.00
STABILIZATION FUND			
Town of Westhampton	0	5,000.00	5,000.00
GENERAL HIGHWAY FUND			
Donald Munson	0	3,202.00	3,202.00
Charles Kleeberg	0	2,415.70	2,415.70
Roscoe Hurd	0	229.07	229.07
David Morin	0	52.50	52.50
Tom Hathaway	0	48.00	48.00
Stillman Brooks	0	45.00	45.00
Donald Munson, Premium	0	21.00	21.00
Robert Miller	0	17.50	17.50
	0	6,030.77	6,030.77
FROM STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL ASSISTANCE ACT			
Doty Ford	4,342.00	0	4,342.00
CHAPTER 1140, SECTION 20			
Donald Munson	0	336.00	336.00
Charles Kleeberg	0	224.00	224.00
Roscoe Hurd	0	34.00	34.00
Daniel Krug	0	120.00	120.00
Walter Challet	0	45.00	45.00
	0	759.40	759.40
GROWTH POLICY STATEMENT			
Daily Hampshire Gazette	0	6.00	6.00
Arthur Kimber	0	69.61	69.61
Karen Hemboldt	0	50.40	50.40
Postmaster	0	9.75	9.75
	0	135.76	135.76
REVALUATION ACCOUNT			
McGee and McGane	0	3,330.00	3,330.00
GRAND TOTALS			
	\$ 173,437.78	193,869.03	367,306.81

RECAPITULATION

	June 1976	Dec. 1976	TOTAL
Street and Wright Fund	0	127.64	127.64
Thayer Fund	0	53.64	53.64
Hampshire Mental Health & Retardation	0	793.00	793.00
Bicentennial	30.66	0	30.66
Bridges and Railings	422.90	36.27	459.17
Cemetery	300.00	450.00	750.00
Totman Interest	150.00	0	150.00
Chapter 765	3,137.80	19,006.47	22,144.27
Chapter 825	3,391.29	8,958.26	12,349.55
Chapter 90 Maintenance Payroll	1,448.20	36.00	1,484.20
Chapter 90 Maintenance Material	0	2,726.47	2,726.47
Chapter 90 Construction	0	181.75	181.75
Civil Defense	107.65	115.50	223.15
Clerical Hire	400.00	0	400.00
Counsel Fees	530.50	69.08	599.58
Dog Officer	160.00	262.00	422.00
Dog Licenses to Hampshire County	1,053.80	207.75	1,261.55
Fire Chief and Forest Warden	150.00	0	150.00
Fire Department	534.39	410.45	944.84
Group Insurance	2,894.10	2,797.20	5,691.30
Federal Withholding Tax	7,248.90	7,265.70	14,514.60
State Withholding Tax	2,353.96	2,359.40	4,713.36
Hampshire County Retirement	976.78	903.53	1,880.31
Hampshire County Retirement Systems Tax	0	2,664.50	2,664.50
Hampshire County Tax	11,652.54	16,797.29	28,449.83
Hamp. Reg. School Assessment	80,526.66	82,722.17	163,248.83
Hamp. Reg. School Lunch Program	4,457.35	3,181.24	7,638.59
Meals Tax	19.36	11.49	30.85
Holiday Pay	66.60	333.00	399.60
Sick Pay	0	169.00	169.00
Historical Commission	96.29	34.88	131.17
Insurance and Bonds	3,959.06	2,741.71	6,700.77
Library	2,146.52	1,894.54	4,041.06
LSCA Title I	472.23	374.78	847.01
Memorial Day	66.00	5.00	71.00
Police Account	405.48	306.76	712.24
Police Chief	250.00	0	250.00
Postage and Telephone	947.64	867.71	1,815.35
Recreation	321.55	0	321.55
Printing and Supplies	1,255.69	947.36	2,203.05
Road Machinery & Fire Dept. Buildings	264.25	791.57	1,055.82
Road Machinery	10,551.47	6,968.74	17,520.21
Snow Removal, Sanding & Roadwork	14,393.77	1,654.03	16,047.80
Tax Abatements	756.52	634.62	1,391.14
Town Dump	1,504.80	1,606.80	3,111.13
Town Hall	1,782.98	91.40	1,874.38
Town Officers	7,844.16	1,109.25	8,953.41

Travel Expense	29.40	115.50	144.90
Tree Removal	0	260.00	260.00
Vacation Pay	0	306.00	306.00
Veteran's Relief	0	100.00	100.00
Well Child & Immunization Clinic	35.00	44.85	79.85
State Parks & Recreation Tax	0	3,858.80	3,858.80
Protective Ambulance Service	0	1,260.00	1,260.00
Stabilization Fund	0	5,000.00	5,000.00
General Highway Fund	0	6,030.77	6,030.77
From State & Local Fiscal Assistance	4,342.00	0	4,342.00
Chapter 1140, Section 20	0	759.40	759.40
Growth Policy Statement	0	135.76	135.76
Revaluation Account	0	3,330.00	3,330.00
Grand Totals	\$ 173,437.78	\$ 193,869.03	\$ 367,306.81

TOWN OF WESTHAMPTON PROPOSED BUDGET

ACCOUNT	APPROP. 7/76—6/77	EXPEND. July - 12/76	PROPOSED 7/77-6/78
Assessor Account	0	0	1,050.00
Board of Health	100.00	0	100.00
BRIDGES AND Railings	350.00	36.27	350.00
Cemetery	750.00	450.00	750.00
Civil Defense	200.00	115.50	200.00
Clerical Hire	400.00	0	400.00
Constable	100.00	0	100.00
Counsel Fees	750.00	69.08	750.00
County Retirement System Tax	5,329.00	0	4,196.37
Dutch Elm Disease	177.31	0	177.31
Dog Officer	400.00	262.00	400.00
Fire Chief and Forest Warden	150.00	0	150.00
Fire Patrol	100.00	0	100.00
Fire Department	700.00	434.80	700.00
Group Insurance	5,600.00	3,410.92	6,400.00
Hampshire Regional	170,349.00	82,722.17	See Article 5
Center School	172,303.00		See Article 6
Hamp. Mental Health	793.00	793.00	See Art. 11
Holiday Pay	600.00	333.00	640.00
Insurance & Bonds	6,000.00	2,741.71	6,000.00
Int. on Temporary Loans	2,500.00	0	2,500.00
Insect Pest Control	100.00	0	100.00
Land Damage	1,000.00	0	1,000.00

Library	3,800.00	1,819.54	See Art.12
Memorial Day	100.00	5.00	10.00
Growth Policy Statement from State	200.00	135.76	0
Police Account	900.00	306.76	900.00
Police Chief	500.00	0	500.00
Postage & Telephone	2,400.00	867.31	2,400.00
Printing & Supplies	2,600.00	947.36	2,600.00
Rabies Vaccine	50.00	0	50.00
Recreation	500.00	0	500.00
Reserve Fund	4,000.00	0	4,000.00
Revaluation Account	9,000.00	3,330.00	0
Road Machinery	14,000.00	6,968.74	14,000.00
Road Mach. & Fire Dept. Bldgs.	1,800.00	791.57	2,200.00
Snow Removal, Sanding & Roadwork	16,000.00	1,642.03	16,000.00
Town Dump	3,000.00	1,606.80	3,150.00
Town Hall	1,000.00	91.40	1,000.00
Town Officers	7,500.00	1,109.25	6,800.00
Travel Expense	300.00	115.50	300.00
Tree Removal	300.00	260.00	300.00
Vacation Pay	850.00	306.00	1,062.00
Veteran's Relief	100.00	100.00	100.00
Well Child & Immunization Clinics	200.00	44.85	200.00
Protective Ambulance Service	1,260.00	1,260.00	1,260.00
Stabilization Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	See Art. 10
Conservation Commission	200.00	0	200.00
Sick Leave	500.00	169.00	550.00
General Highway Fund	7,500.00	6,030.77	10,000.00
Heavy Material Account	0	0	12,000.00
Historical Commission	200.00	34.88	100.00
Hampshire County Retirement	0	903.53	0
Hampshire County Tax	0	5,329.00	0
Hampshire County Assessment	0	14,132.79	0
Hampshire Reg. Sch. Lunch Program	0	3,966.53	0
Comm. of Mass. Meals Tax	0	14.36	0
Dog Licenses to Hamp. County	0	207.75	0
L.S.C.A. Title I	0	374.78	0
Tax Abatement	0	634.62	0
Fed. Withholding Tax	0	7,265.70	0
State Withholding Tax	0	2,359.40	0
Comm. of Mass. Treasurer	0	3,858.80	0
Chap. 1140 Sec.20	0	759.40	0
Chap.90 Main. Payroll	0	36.00	0
Street & Wright Fund	0	127.64	0
Thayer Fund	0	53.64	0
Chap. 90 Const. Mat.	0	181.75	0
Chap. 90 Maint. Material	0	2,726.47	0
Chap. 765 Payroll & Material	0	19,010.47	0
Chap. 825 Payroll & Material	0	8,958.26	0

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

December 31, 1976			
1972 Motor Vehicle			
Due 7/1/76	\$ 56.93		
Collected	—37.13		
Abated	—19.80		
Outstanding			none
Interest		.82	
1974 Motor Vehicles			
Due 7/1/76	357.50		
Collected	—328.90		
Abated	—6.60		
Outstanding			\$22.00
Demand		3.00	
Interest		4.38	
1975 Motor Vehicles			
Due 7/1/76	418.01		
Comm. #7 dated 9/1/76	+2,226.83		
Collected	—2,136.63		
Abated	—41.53		
Outstanding			466.68
Demand		7.00	
Interest		8.17	
1976 Motor Vehicles			
Due 7/1/76	13,455.56		
Comm. #5 dated 9/8/76	+5,230.03		
Collected	—16,506.53		
Abated	—617.60		
Outstanding			1,561.46
Demand		21.00	
Fiscal 1975 Personal Property			
Due 7/1/76	10.00		
Collected	—10.00		
Outstanding			none
Demands		1.00	
Warrants		1.00	
Interest		1.00	
Fiscal 1975 Real Estate			
Due 7/1/76	25.75		
Collected	—25.75		
Outstanding			none
Demand		1.00	
Warrant		1.00	
Interest		2.78	

Fiscal 1976 Personal Property			
Due 7/1/76	735.15		
Collected	—315.27		
Outstanding			419.88
Demand		7.00	
Warrant		2.00	
Interest		8.14	
Fiscal 1976 Real Estate			
Due 7/1/76	13,758.36		
Collected	—12,064.93		
Abated	—21.46		
Outstanding			1,671.97
Demands		32.00	
Warrants		5.00	
Interest		284.93	
1976 Farm Animal			
Due 10/20/76	720.30		
Collected	—589.83		
Outstanding			130.50

Respectfully submitted
CHARLES OGNIBENE
Tax Collector

JURORS DRAWN IN 1976

GRAND JURY

Barbara ClappWilliam White

TRAVERSE JURY

Peter CurtisHoward E. Blackmer
Sandra StaszCharles Burt
Anita Hickey

NAMES IN JURY BOX FOR 1977

Maryjane CareyWilliam Trembley
Ronald MacDonaldCindy Tobin
Shirley PierceJames McCool
David Haines IIIVeronica Patenaude
Margaret WoodStanley Puc

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

December 31, 1976

The Board of Assessors submit their report for the Fiscal Year (July 1, 1976 through June 30, 1977).

1977 RECAPITULATION OF TAX RATE

Gross Amount to be raised	\$	513,500.68
Estimated Receipts and Available Funds		156,018.84
Net Amount to be raised by taxation		<u>357,481.84</u>
Real Property Valuations		5,275,025.00
Personal Property Valuations		888,455.00
Total Property Valuations		<u>6,163,480.00</u>
Tax Rate per Thousand	\$58.00	
Real Property Tax		305,951.45
Personal Property Tax		<u>51,530.39</u>
Total Taxes Levied on Property	\$	357,481.84

REAL ESTATE ASSESSED

Type	Number	Assessed Valuation
Residence (1 family)	387	4,432,880
Residence (2 family)	5	144,400
Residential - Commercial	5	87,130
Commercial	6	49,510
Industrial	2	60,650
Agriculture	37	317,120
Land	253	158,305
Residential - Industrial	<u>1</u>	<u>19,490</u>
	664	\$ 5,275,025

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED W. PLATZ, Chairman
FRANK B. MONTAGUE
JANICE J. GIFFORD
Board of Assessors

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

Fiscal Year July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

Balance on Hand July 1, 1975		\$129,144.49
Taxes and Interest received from Collector:		
1972 Excise	50.61	
Interest	6.21	
Demand	4.00	
Warrant	<u>4.00</u>	
		64.82
1973 Excise	255.75	
Interest	14.44	
Demand	5.0	
Warrant	<u>5.00</u>	
		280.19
1974 Excise	1,360.88	
Interest	36.80	
Demand	20.00	
Warrant	<u>17.00</u>	
		1,434.68
1974 (6 Mo.) Personal Property	3.45	
Interest	.24	
Demand	1.00	
Warrant	<u>1.00</u>	
		5.69
1975 Excise	19,460.15	
Farm Animal	804.76	
Interest	28.29	
Demand	<u>43.00</u>	
		20,336.20
1975 (Fisc.) Real Estate	15,995.54	
Personal Property	446.25	
Interest	615.25	
Demand	52.00	
Warrant	<u>21.00</u>	
		17,130.04
1976 (Fisc.) Real Estate	269,045.42	
Personal Property	55,184.97	
Interest	111.56	
Demand	<u>23.00</u>	
		324,364.95
1976 Excise	10,008.53	
Demand	<u>5.00</u>	
		10,013.53

Highways:

From Massachusetts State Treasurer

Highway Chap. 90 (71 Contr.) 9,500.00

Dept. of Pub. Works (73 Contr.) 9,200.00

Dept. of Pub. Works (74 Contr.)

#28738 Chap. 90 Const. 21,684.00

Pub. Works Highway Local Aid

Transp. Auth. Distr. Ctr. 11,107.00

Highway Fund GL58 S18B 1971 Ch. 497 4,228.35

Highway & Transit Development

Ch. 825S3S9 20,513.30

76,232.65

From Hampshire County Treasurer:

Chapter 90 (1971 Contr. #26476 4,750.00

Chapter 90 (1973 Contr. 27909 4,600.00

Chapter 90 (1974 Contr. 28738 4,600.00

13,950.00

Schools

Ed. Reg. School Aid Ch. 71 S16D

7-1-74 thru 6-30-75 2,524.83

Ed. Ad. Div. Speech Ed. Deaf. &

Blind Child 105.00

School Aid Ch. 70 29,057.39

School Aid Ch. 70 58-18A 10,339.11

Ed. Pupil Trans. Ch 71 S7A

Fisc. 74-75 12,095.00

Ch. 71 S7A Ed. Pupil Trans. 2,990.58

Ed. Occu. GL Ch. 74 S1A Tuition 5,087.00

Ed. Occu. Ch. 74-58A Trans. Reim. 974.00

63,172.91

Fed. Ed. Eurric. Serv. NDEA PL850-864T3

376.50

63,549.41

School Lunch Program

Sale of Lunches to Pupils 4,281.05

State Reimbursement 812.82

Federal Reimbursement 2,492.68

Meals Tax 24.34

7,610.89

Other Income:

From Mass. State Treasurer:

Local Air Fund G1 Ch. 58 S18C 4,055.01

Public Welfare Div. Family Ser. 822.74

Ed. Bur. Lib. Ext. 1,000.00

L S C A Ed. Lib. Exntn. 570.00

Division of Animal Health	12.50	
Refund-Overpayment on Assess.	<u>.40</u>	
		6,460.65
From Hampshire County Treasurer		
Kill and Care	336.00	
Blue Cross Refund	49.00	
Dog Refund	<u>145.34</u>	
		530.34
Federal Sharing Revenue		
July 1975	1,193.00	
Oct. 1975	3,416.00	
Jan. 1976	3,416.00	
April 1976	<u>3,416.00</u>	
		11,441.00
Interest on Federal Sharing Revenue		481.22
Miscellaneous:		
Fed. Withholding Tax Deductions	13,988.29	
State Tax Deductions	4,499.27	
Retirement Deductions	1,806.78	
Blue Cross Deductions	1,269.29	
Insurance Deductions	48.58	
From Town Clerk Dog Licenses	1,053.80	
Pistol Permits	150.00	
Gun Registrations	72.00	
Use of Town Machinery	15.00	
License Print Shop	10.00	
License Sharpening Service	10.00	
Public Hearing Notice	5.40	
License Retail Sale of Foods	5.00	
Sewage Disp. Installers Permit	28.00	
Bicentennial Committee	208.20	
License 3rd Cl. Junk Dealers	25.00	
Family Type Camp	2.50	
Permit Day Care Center	2.00	
Ck. Returned F. Montague	12.25	
Cl. 2 Motor Vehicle Sales License	35.00	
Milk Licenses	6.00	
Lord's Day Licenses	10.00	
Camp Ground Permit	2.50	
Horse Camp Permit	3.00	
Sav. Bank Int. on Deposit	5,210.19	
Machine fund Earnings	<u>5,277.30</u>	
		33,755.35
Interest from Trust Funds:		
Cemetery	197.77	

Welfare:		
Whiting Street	74.00	
Wright	53.64	
Thayer	<u>53.64</u>	
		<u>379.05</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$717,165.15

EXPENDITURES

Paid Selectmen's Orders	432,001.47	
Paid School Committee Orders	139,136.21	
July-August 1975 Teachers Pay to be expended	7,307.47	
Duplication Recorded	.40	
Balance on Hand June 30, 1976	<u>138,719.60</u>	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		717,165.15

Road Machinery Fund:		
Balance on Hand July 1, 1975	5,556.64	
Department Earnings	<u>5,277.30</u>	
		10,833.94

Stabilization Fund:		
Balance on Hand July 1, 1975	30,950.53	
Deposited in 1975	5,000.00	
Interest Income	<u>1,929.29</u>	
		37,879.91

Outstanding Taxes	
1972 Motor Vehicle Excise	56.93
1974 Motor Vehicle Excise	357.50
1975 Motor Vehicle Excise	418.01
1975 Personal Property	10.00
1975 Real Estate	26.75
1976 Real Estate (Fisc.)	13,758.36
1976 Personal Property (Fisc.)	735.15
1976 Excise	<u>13,455.56</u>

Funds Held in Trust By the Town:

Cemetery	Interest
\$2,000.00 Lucy Totman	106.93
500.00 O. C. Bridgman	26.76
500.00 Charles G. Loud	26.69
100.00 Myra G. Strong	5.36
100.00 Sara C. Cook	5.36
100.00 George Burt	5.36
100.00 Samuel Edwards	5.36

100.00	Arthur L. Searle	5.36	
100.00	Emma G. Damon	5.36	
50.00	David L. Brown	2.64	
50.00	Susan A. Loud	<u>2.59</u>	
			197.77
Welfare:			
\$1,380.85	Whiting Street	74.00	
1,000.00	Wright	53.64	
1,000.00	Thayer	<u>53.64</u>	
			<u>181.28</u>
TOTAL INTEREST		\$	379.05

Respectfully submitted,

OLGA C. HATHAWAY
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

Balance on Hand Jan 1, 1976		83,189.57
Taxes and Interest received from Collector:		
1973	Excise	\$ 227.70
	Interest	13.48
	Demand	4.00
	Warrant	<u>4.00</u>
		249.18
1974	Excise	253.63
	Interest	9.64
	Demand	7.00
	Warrant	<u>7.00</u>
		277.27
1975	(Fisc) Real Estate	1,017.60
	Interest	61.45
	Demand	5.00
	Warrant	<u>5.00</u>
		1,089.05
1975	Excise	3,343.71
	Farm Animal	21.88
	Interest	28.29
	Demand	<u>36.00</u>
		3,429.88

1976 (Fisc) Real Estate	131,685.04	
Personal Property	28,251.93	
Interest	109.85	
Demand	<u>23.00</u>	
		160,069.82
1976 Excise	10,008.53	
Demand	<u>5.00</u>	
		10,013.53
Highways:		
From Massachusetts State Treasurer		
Highway Fund GL58 S18 B		
1971 Ch.497	4,228.35	
Dept. of Public Works #27909		
(73 Contr.)	9,200.00	
Highway Transit Development		
Ch. 825 S3 S9	20,513.30	
Dept. of Public Works #28738		
(74 Contr.) Ch. 90 Const.	<u>21,684.00</u>	
		55,625.65
From Hampshire County Treasurer:		
1973 Contr. #27909	4,600.00	
1974 Contr. #28738	<u>4,600.00</u>	
		9,200.00
Schools:		
School Aid Ed. Reg. Ch. 71 S16D		
7/1/74 thru 6/30/75	1,992.17	
Sch. Aid Ch. 70	29,057.39	
Ed. Pupil Transp. Ch. 71 S7A		
Fisc. 74/75	12,095.00	
Ed. Occu. GL Ch. 74 S1A		
Tuition	5,087.00	
Ed. Occu Ch. 74-58A	<u>974.00</u>	
		49,205.56
Federal Funds Transp. Reimbursement		
Ed. Curric Ser. NDEA PL850-864T3		376.50
		49,582.06
School Lunch Program		
Sale of Lunches to Pupils	2,532.02	
State Reimbursement	568.80	
Federal Reimbursement	1,801.51	
Meals Tax	<u>21.73</u>	
		4,924.06

Other Income:

From Mass. State Treasurer		
Local Aid Fund GlCh. 58 S18C	4,055.01	
Ed. Bur. Lib. Ext.	1,000.00	
Refund Overpayments Assess	.40	
LSCA Ed. Lib. Exhtn	570.00	
Division of Animal Health	<u>12.50</u>	
		5,637.91
From Hampshire County Treasurer		
Kill and Care	160.00	
Bl. Cross Refund	49.00	
Dog Refund	<u>145.34</u>	
		354.34
Federal sharing Revenue		
January 1976	3,416.00	
April 1976	<u>3,416.00</u>	
		6,832.00
Interest on Federal Sharing Revenue		323.19
Miscellaneous		
Federal Withholding Tax Deductions	7,658.35	
State Tax Deductions	2,492.17	
Retirement Deductions	994.40	
Blue Cross Deductions	721.32	
Aetna Deductions	23.98	
From Town Clerk-Dog Licenses	819.10	
Pistol Permits	60.00	
Use of Town Machinery	15.00	
Day Care Center	2.00	
Check Return F. Montague	12.25	
Installers Permit Sewage Disp.	20.00	
Cl. II Mot. Veh. Sales License	35.00	
Milk License	6.00	
Lord's Day License	10.00	
Print Shop License	5.00	
Sharpening Service License	5.00	
Camp Ground Permit	2.50	
Horse Camp Permit	3.00	
Gun Registration	20.00	
Savings Bank Interest on Deposit	2,395.55	
Machine fund Earnings	<u>1,467.40</u>	
		16,768.02
Interest from Trust Funds		
Cemetery	98.89	

Welfare:

Whiting Street	37.00
Wright	26.82
Thayer	<u>26.82</u>

189.53

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$407,755.06

EXPENDITURES

Paid Selectmen's Orders	173,439.97
Paid School Committee Orders	88,287.62
Duplication Recorded	.40
July & August 1975 Teachers	
Pay to be Expended	7,307.47
Balance on Hand June 30, 1976	<u>138,719.60</u>

Total Expenditures

407,755.06

ROAD MACHINERY FUND

Balance on Hand Jan. 1, 1976	9,366.54
Department Earnings	<u>1,467.40</u>

10,833.94

STABILIZATION FUND

Balance on Hand Jan. 1, 1976	36,086.22
Interest Income	<u>1,793.69</u>

37,879.91

OUTSTANDING TAXES

1972 Motor Vehicle Excise	56.93
1974 Motor Vehicle Excise	357.50
1975 Motor Vehicle Excise	418.01
1975 Personal Property	10.00
1975 Real Estate	26.75
1976 Real Estate (Fisc)	13,758.36
1976 Personal Property (Fisc)	735.15
1976 Excise	13,455.56

FUNDS HELD IN TRUST BY THE TOWN

Cemetery:

Principal	Interest
\$2,000.00 Lucy Totman	53.47
500.00 O. C. Bridgman	13.38

500.00	Charles G. Loud	13.34	
100.00	Myra G. Strong	2.68	
100.00	Sara C. Cook	2.68	
100.00	George Burt	2.68	
100.00	Samuel Edwards	2.68	
100.00	Arthur L. Searle	2.68	
100.00	Emma G. Damon	2.68	
50.00	David L. Brown	1.32	
50.00	Susan A. Loud	1.30	
			98.89
Welfare			
\$1,380.85	Whiting Street	37.00	
1,000.00	Wright	26.82	
1,000.00	Thayer	26.82	
			90.64
TOTAL INTEREST			189.53

Respectfully sumbitted,

OLGA C. HATHAWAY
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE TOWN AUDITOR

I have examined the Accounts of the Town Treasurer and find them to be as submitted:

Total Disbursements for 1976 (July-Dec.) \$368,507.43

The disbursements include the following:

Paid Selectmen's Orders	\$193,866.23
Paid School Committee Orders	65,471.72
	<u>\$259,337.95</u>

The Balance shown in the treasury is: \$109,169.48

This balance includes the following:

Florence Savings Bank	\$33,062.34
Easthampton Savings Bank	48,799.48
Hampshire National Bank of South Hadley	289.15
Pioneer National Bank	7,568.77
Federal Sharing Book#10	840.07
Federal Sharing Book #11	3,547.01
Federal Sharing Book #12	3,492.37
Federal Sharing Book #13	3,446.19

Federal Sharing Book #14	3,417.00
Federal Sharing Book #15	3,351.00
Title II Public Works	1,357.00
Cash on Hand	.10
Underpayment	<u>-1.00</u>

Total Income for the year is in the
amount of:

\$368,507.43

This income is from the following:

Taxes	\$192,225.60
Hampshire County	256.00
State	934.75
Federal sharing Revenue (including interest)	6,768.00
Title II Public Works	1,357.00
Interest from Trust	189.52
School Lunch Program	3,101.69
School Aid Chapter 70	10,970.76
Mass. State Highway and Transit Development Assistance	321.07
Miscellaneous Income	13,663.44
Last Year's Balance	<u>138,719.60</u>

Respectfully submitted,

BEVERLY A BISHOP
Town Auditor

MEMORIAL LIBRARY — LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

The main growth in library activity has been in the aquisition of holdings other than books. As a result of State Grants we now have a collection of over 100 records (classical and popular), 40 games and jig-saw puzzles, 65 reels for view-finders, 10 filmstrips, 2 tape recorders, earphones and other AV material. 378 Records were checked out during the year. The games and AV materials were not purchased until June so there is really no 1975-76 figure on circulation available for these two items.

A dehumidifier was installed in the basement in June to protect the books stored in that area. This works very well and has consistantly maintained a humidity of between 25 and 32 degrees. This is acceptable for storage of any books or documents - even those with leather bindings. It will now be practical to install ef-

ficient shelving to accomodate these books and to be able to hold magazines for reference.

There were 2,461 patron transactions during the year in spite of the fact that January and February of 1976 showed the poorest circulation figures for several years. The low was January with only 315 items borrowed and the high was June with 708 items borrowed. The National Library usage is 8-10% of total population. Westhampton, with its current population of 1,007 has 285 card holders which brings our percentage to about 28. This does not include the children who take books only from the JV Department.

As usual, we wish to extend sincere and grateful thanks to all who have given books, records, games and money to the library. The list is long and the gifts are many. It is most heartening to know that people think of their library as a place where gifts are welcome and will receive good use.

The craft class this year was one in Needlepoint, conducted by Mrs. Pat Walther of the Hadley Village Barn Yarn Shop. The pre-schoolers continue their story hour, Mrs. Ruth Hawkins held discussion groups on Child Development, Town committees have used our facilities for meetings as well as church groups.

May we again remind the town the historical artifacts, journals, geneologies and other items will be held in the library as an effort is being made to have a Center for this type of material. Also, remember that your library is closely affiliated with Western Regional System so that Reference and Resource information will be as near as your telephone.

With much appreciated help from Cindy Tobin, the Cataloging system is well underway and we are sure it will be an aid to all patrons of our library.

Respectfully submitted,

ELEANOR MILLER
Librarian

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Westhampton School Committee met and organized as follows: James G. Hickey, Chairman; Philip Norris, Regional School member; Marion Miller, Secretary.

Mrs. Miller was elected in March, 1976 to serve a three year term on the School Committee.

The Kindergarten now has double sessions with Mrs. Omasta a full-time teacher's aide. Mrs. Lucille Beaupre was hired as cafeteria aide for Center School to replace Mrs. Omasta.

In August the resignation of Mrs. Ladd was accepted with regret. Mrs. Joanne Moynahan was hired to replace Mrs. Ladd.

Mrs. Flagg was hired as a tutor for two hours a day. We accepted her resignation in November. Miss Hall was hired to replace Mrs. Flagg.

Maintenance work included painting the outside of the entire building. There were also four classrooms painted. Drainage pipes were installed on the playground.

We would like to express our thanks to the excellent teaching staff, all the community volunteers, and all others that have helped in our school system.

Regular meetings of the Westhampton School Committee are held at 7:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month at the Center School. Anyone wishing to discuss school matters with the committee is welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

James G. Hickey, Chairman
Philip J. Norris
Marion Miller, Secretary

WESTHAMPTON FINANCIAL REPORT

Appropriations 7/1/75 - 6/30/76	\$ 155,732.05
P.L. 874	3,229.95
Chapter 766 (Special Education)	<u>2,543.00</u>
Total Budget	\$ 161,505.00
1974-75 Encumbrances	<u>7,582.74</u>
	\$ 169,087.74
Expenditure and Encumbrances	<u>161,333.89</u>
Balance P. L. 874	3,229.95
Balance Chapter 766	2,543.00
Balance Appropriations	1,980.90

EXPENDITURES

Administration

Donald J. Buss, Salary	\$1,402.92	
Donald J. Buss, Travel	72.60	
Richard E. Dragon, Salary	1,156.46	
Richard E. Dragon, Travel	66.00	
Jeannette M. O'Neill, Business Manager	662.00	
Karen K. Ferron, Clerical	317.86	
Bernice C. Greenberg, Clerical	423.94	
Marilyn W. Ingellis, Clerical	357.80	
Sylvia N. Smith, Clerical	349.00	
Superintendent Office Expense	551.61	
Superintendent Other Expense	13.16	
Out-of-State Expense	20.49	
Superintendent Office - Rental	365.40	
School Committee Expense	411.60	
Hampshire Educational Collaborative	<u>358.80</u>	
		\$6,529.64

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Frank C. Farinella, Director	\$1,002.18	
Frank C. Farinella, Travel	37.34	
Linda M. Erdmann, Coordinator	816.12	
Linda M. Erdmann, Travel	22.97	
Barry P. Fitzgerald, Psychologist	656.86	
Barry P. Fitzgerald, Travel	28.65	
Linda M. DeGregorio, Clerical	292.70	
SPED Office Supplies	89.48	
SPED Classroom Supplies	236.81	
SPED Texts	147.56	
SPED Equipment	109.24	
SPED Other Expense	<u>320.12</u>	
		\$3,760.03

INSTRUCTION

Donald E. MacLeod, Principal	\$6,101.36	
Principal's Expense	<u>457.52</u>	
		\$6,558.88
Virginia M. Brown	\$10,345.14	
Eugene H. Callahan, Jr.	10,161.74	
Perrie P. Gravelin	9,354.96	
Dorothy S. Ladd	5,770.95	
Lorraine L. Joy	8,667.98	
Joyce E. Piper	10,026.12	
Margaret J. Tatro	5,380.98	
Deborah Elworthy, Kindergarten	4,424.75	
Substitutes	1,153.50	
Michael E. Korpita, Physical Education	3,716.26	
Martha R. Sena, Music	1,637.92	
Lydia C. Omasta, Kindergarten Aide	1,886.46	
Eleanor R. Scott, Teacher Aide	2,244.02	
Nancy M. Parent, Tutor	669.00	
Gloria H. Nicholls, Speech Therapist	1,945.90	
Deborah Elworthy, 766	1,014.00	
Susan Montague, Tutor	905.00	
Priscilla A. Miller, Resource	2,050.96	
Ruth E. Hawkins, Adjustment Counselor	2,656.48	
Ruth E. Hawkins, Travel	<u>120.00</u>	
		\$84,162.12
Class Trips	297.50	
Classroom Supplies	2,733.42	
Physical Education	530.90	
Textbooks	3,338.66	
Library Books	338.56	
Audio Visual	843.40	
Cafeteria	1,318.90	
Insurance	76.21	
Equipment	2,486.22	

HEALTH

Eleanor R. Scott, R.N.	\$ 465.52	
Abel Ross, D.D.S.	35.00	
Theodore K. Selkirk, M.D.	150.00	
Health Expense	<u>89.86</u>	
		\$ 740.38

TRANSPORTATION

Peter Curtis, Kindergarten	\$2,416.50	
Hampshire Transportation, Elementary	4,462.47	
Richard W Tracy, Elementary	3,621.15	
Lar-Jan Associates, Elementary	1,908.50	
Rita Schumann, Elementary	77.00	
J. M. Wilson, Vocational	<u>1,969.00</u>	
		\$14,454.62

MAINTENANCE

Donald E. Fox	\$5,940.00	
Frank Fisher	193.75	
Custodian Supplies	617.58	
Fuel	2,634.32	
Utilities	2,347.79	
Maintenance	2,212.80	
Maintenance to Equipment	<u>50.50</u>	
		\$13,996.74

TUITION

Smiths School	\$10,695.00	
Vocational beyond Grade 12	1,120.24	
Adult Education	<u>45.00</u>	
		\$11,860.24
		\$154,026.42
Encumbered for Summer Pay		<u>7,307.47</u>
Total Expenditures		\$161,333.89

RECEIPTS

Chapter 70	\$39,396.50	
Regional School Aid	2,524.83	
Transportation, Chapter 71, S 7A	15,085.58	
Vocational, Chapter 74	6,061.00	
Special Needs Program	105.00	
Total Receipts		<u>\$63,172.91</u>
NET COST OF MAINTAINING SCHOOL FOR 1975-76		\$98.160.98

WESTHAMPTON BUDGET

	Budget	Expenditure & Encum- brances	Budget
	1975-76	7/75 - 6/76	1976-77
School Committee Expense	496.	411.60	110.
Superintendent Professional Salaries	3,211.	3,221.38	3,344
Superintendent Clerical Salaries	1,443.	1,448.60	1,549.
Superintendent Office - Supplies	311.	326.22	282.
Superintendent Office - Maint. of Equip.	20.	30.00	10.
Superintendent Office - Telephone	226.	195.39	260.
Superintendent Expense - In State	175.	151.76	175.
Superintendent Expense - Out-of-State	18.	20.49	29.
SPED Professional Salaries	1,757.	1,818.30	1,825.
SPED Clerical Salaries	295.	292.70	317.
SPED Office - Supplies			72.
SPED Office - Telephone		89.48	78
SPED Other Expense	72.	66.33	78.
Principal's 'salary	5,893.	6,101.36	6,588.
Principal's Expense	452.	457.52	461.
Teachers' Salaries	71,352.	70,640.30	83,322.
Teacher Aides	3,661.	4,130.48	5,121.
Class Trips	400.	297.50	500.
Classroom Supplies	2,704.	2,733.42	3,108.
Physical Education	852.	530.90	223.
Elementary Other Expense	70.		50.
SPED Teachers Salaries	1,734.	3,658.90	2,478.
SPED Teacher Aides	1,310.	2,955.96	2,278.
SPED Classroom Supplies	160.	236.81	131.
SPED Physical Education	31.		
Textbooks	2,437.	3,338.66	2,654.
NDEA Title III	903.		
SPED Textbooks	155.	147.56	105.
Library Books	350.	338.56	350.
Audio Visual	938.	843.40	860.
Psychologist Salary	663.	656.86	711.
Psychologist Supplies			18.
Psychologist Expense	334.	342.75	176.
Adjustment Counselor Salary	2,783.	2,656.48	2,797.
Adjustment Counselor Expense	120.	120.00	120.
Health Salaries	656.	650.52	678.
Health Expense	83.	89.86	80.
Elementary Transportation	13,428.	12,485.62	13,032.
Vocational Transportation	1,980.	1,969.00	1,980.
Cafeteria	1,366.	1,318.90	1,586.
Custodian Salary	6,590.	6,133.75	6,204.
Custodian Supplies	850.	617.58	850.
Fuel	3,477.	2,634.32	3,815.

Utilities	2,505.	2,347.79	2,398.
Maintenance	2,000.	2,212.80	1,500.
Maintenance of Equipment	150.	50.50	150.
Insurance	75.	76.21	75.
Rental of Building	365.	365.40	480.
New Equipment	1,305.	2,486.22	1,210.
SPED Equipment	108.	109.24	99.
Vocational Tuition	16,443.	10,695.00	17,500.
Vocational Tuition beyond Grade 12	4,698.	1,120.24	
Adult Education	100.	45.00	100.
Hampshire Educational Collaborative		<u>358.80</u>	<u>386.</u>
	161,505.	154,026.42	172,303.

REPORT OT THE PLANNING BOARD

During the past year the Planning Board has continued to re-view plot plans for future homes in Westhampto

We studied the Zoning Enablement Act which redistributed some of the responsibilities of the town officials. It also established stricter guidelines on the publicizing of public hearings for changes to the protective zoning by-law.

Zoning workshops sponsored by the Hampshire and Franklin County Planning Departments were attended by some planning board members. Valuable information was provided on routine problems as well as more specific problems which may present themselves in the event of subdivision.

The planning board has maintained contact with our State Representative William Carey providing him input on bills which would affect Westhampton planning.

Maps of the flood prone areas within the town are being drawn up by HUD.

Townspeople will be receiving copies of the revised edition of the Protective Zoning By-Law.

The Planning Board wishes to express gratitude to Ginny Curtis, who resigned her post in July, for her long hours of service to the board.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis Loud, Chairman
Mary Hamel, Secretary

Bertha Parsons
William White

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Pupil enrollment figured taken as of October 1st were as follows:

Grade	1974	1975	1976
K	12	12	26
1	15	13	13
2	14	17	16
3	14	17	20
4	23	16	16
5	21	23	18
6	27	24	24
Center School	126	122	133
Smith's School	5	6	2
Total Under Westhampton School Comm.	131	128	135
Total Under Hamp. Regional School Comm.	120	130	149
Westhampton Pupils in Public Schools	251	258	284

The staff and faculty were as follows:

Mr. Donald MacLeod, C.A.G.S.	Principal (part-time)
Miss Debra Elworthy, B.S.	Kindergarten
Mrs. Lorraine Joy, B.A.	Grade 1
Mrs. Perrie Gravelin, B. Ed.	Grade 2
Mrs. Virginia Brown, B.A.	Grade 3
Mrs. Joyce Piper, B. S. Ed.	Grade 4
Mr. Eugene Callahan, Jr., B.A.	Grade 5
Mrs. Joanne Moynahan, B.A.	Grade 6
Mrs. Ruth Hawkins, M.S.W.	Adjustment Counselor (part-time)
Mrs. Gloria Nicholls, M.A.	Speech Therapist (part-time)
Ms. Glenda Hall, M.Ed.	Special Education Tutor (part-time)
Miss Martha Sena, B.S.	Music (part-time)
Mr. Michael Korpita, B.S.	Physical Education (part-time)
Mrs. Priscilla Miller, B.S.	Resource Teacher (part-time)
Dr. Theodore Selkirk, M.D.	School Physician (as needed)
Mrs. Eleanor Scott, R.N.	School Nurse and Aide (part-time)
Mrs. Lucille Beaupre	Cafeteria (part-time)
Mrs. Lydia Omasta	Kindergarten Aide
Mr. Donald Fox	Custodian

Based upon the distribution of pupils as of October 1st, the costs for the operation of the Central Administrative Office located in Haydenville, are to be shared as follows:

	1976-77	77-78
Chesterfield	5%	6%
Goshen	4%	4%
Hampshire Regional	49%	48%
Southampton	25%	26%

Westhampton	6%	6%
Williamsburg	11%	10%
Total	100%	100%

The long term goal of achieving a reasonably stable faculty has been accomplished but every now and then we still lose a teacher. During the summer, the Principalship of the Williamsburg Elementary Schools was offered to Mrs. Dorothy Ladd who had been teaching Grade 6 in the Center School since 1968. We were very disappointed to see her go, but recognizing that a teacher with her potentiality would eventually move on into administration, we were pleased that she has remained within School Union #66. Her eight years in Westhampton have had a profound influence upon the community's children for which we are very grateful.

Funds for the operation of the public schools within the cities, towns and regional school districts are largely dependent upon revenue raised through local property taxation and certain monies received from the Commonwealth based upon such factors as the relative property valuations of the various communities and the relative sums expended for education within those communities. In very simple terms, a wealthy community is entitled to less state aid than a poor community. At the same time, a community which has a low per pupil expenditure is entitled to less state aid than a community with a high per pupil expenditure.

Unfortunately, there are two very basic problems associated with this system of school finance. First, the total amount of per pupil state aid in Massachusetts places us among the lowest in the nation. At the same time, the General Court has seen fit during the years to require ever increasing educational expenditures at the local level through new state mandated programs. This has been done without any real attempt to improve the all-over ratio between state aid and per pupil expenditures. To increase state aid, of course, necessitates increases in state level taxation. Thankfully, we have seen signs in 1976 which indicate that the State Legislators have begun to realize that new laws which mandate increased educational spending at the local level, must include provisions for full funding at the state level. Only if such a concept becomes a mandate by the people, however, can we expect such a trend to continue.

The second basic problem involves adequate funding for laws which are already on the books! There are a number of existing statutes, some old and some quite recent, which provide for varying amounts of state aid. In most instances, the amounts received

under these laws, have been less than the legal entitlements. Local taxpayers should insist that the General Court provide sufficient funding for existing educational aid statutes. As with the first basic problem, we have also seen some signs that the legislators have recognized this problem as demonstrated by the receipt of all past due underpayments of school bus transportation reimbursements. Much remains to be done however, because Chapter 70 aid to education and Chapter 492 aid to regional school districts show a declining receipt-to-entitlement ratio as each year passes.

Both of these educational funding problems have a direct and ever increasing effect upon local tax rates. Public support for a change in the present method of school finance within the Commonwealth is absolutely necessary if the children of this and every other community are to be guaranteed adequate and equal educational opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD J. BUSS

Superintendent of Schools

HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

The Hampshire Regional School Committee held its monthly meetings on the first Monday of every month. Officers for the 1976-1977 school year were Mr. James Freebourn, Chairman; Mrs. Helmi Viliesis, Vice Chairman; Mrs. Cynthia I. McQueston, Secretary; and Mrs. Jeanette M. O'Neill, Treasurer.

During the year, Molly Jahnige replaced Erwin Cepek from the Williamsburg School Committee and Mary Jane Miller replaced William Kenyon from the Chesterfield School Committee.

In order to speed up the work of the committee as a whole, the Chairman appointed members to the following sub-committees: Athletics, Property, and Transportation; Curriculum; Finance; Policy; and Negotiations. These worked very well this year.

During May 3, 4, and 5, 1976, the New England Association of Schools and colleges evaluated our Regional School (grades 7-12). Twenty-eight people with diverse educational backgrounds participated in the process carefully evaluating twenty-two categories. The result of this evaluation gave our school a five year accreditation. In their report, they listed many commendations and recommendations. These recommendations are being considered by the committee for immediate, short range and long

range implementation. Action, of course, will depend upon the immediacy of need and the availability of funds during the five year period. We heartily thank the staff and administration of our school district, who worked diligently in preparing for this evaluation.

The Committee negotiated a two year contract with the Hampshire Regional Education Association (HREA), a three year contract with the Aides, and a two year contract with the custodians. In the case of the teachers (HREA), the process took nearly a full year.

The budget for the coming fiscal year was and remains of much concern to all of us. There was quite a bit of discussion on proposed expenditure. About ninety-four percent of the budget being fixed by contract or negotiations, leaves only about six percent of the budget flexible. This six percent includes supplies, textbooks and equipment for the school. All of these things must be carefully considered in the establishment of a proper level in order to provide the best education for the students of this district, that we the taxpayers, can afford.

The make-up of the Committee for 1976-1977 is as follows:

Barbara Brooks	Chesterfield
William Brunt	Chesterfield
Kim Dresser	Goshen
Lauris Fernald	Westhampton
James Freebourn, Chairman	Southampton
Martin Hebert	Williamsburg
Molly Jahnige	Williamsburg
Albert Mason	Southampton
Cynthia McQueston, Secretary	Williamsburg
Mary Jane Miller	Chesterfield
Louise Montague	Westhampton
Philip Norris	Westhampton
Ralph Plaza	Southampton
Florence Roseborough	Southampton
Louise Sears	Goshen
Helmi Vilieisis, Vice-Chairman	Williamsburg
C. Earl Weingart	Southampton

Respectfully submitted,

CYNTHIA I. McQUESTON
Secretary

HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The student enrollment data for the District as of October 1, 1976 was as follows:

Grade	Chest.	Goshen	South.	West.	Will.	Total
7	18	14	81	24	39	176
8	22	16	80	27	59	204
9	25	14	71	28	38	176
10	15	9	68	28	39	159
11	14	15	70	19	52	170
12	17	9	74	23	42	165
Sub Total	111	77	444	149	269	*1050
Chicopee	0	0	1	0	0	1
Grand Total	111	77	445	149	269	1051

*Included are 10 pupils involved in programs operated in conjunction with the Hampshire Educational Collaborative. Although they do not physically attend school in the District they remain enrolled for technical and financial reasons.

Both the capital and operational costs of the District are borne by the five (5) member towns based upon the proportion of children living in the various towns who are officially enrolled as students at Hampshire Regional High School (and those tuitioned out to other schools by the District) as of October 1st preceding each fiscal year. Following is a table representing the percentages applicable to the member towns since the school opened in 1971.:

	1971	1972	1973-4	1974-5	1975-6	1976-7	1977-8
Chest.	9.622	10.454	9.734	10.437	11.403	11.317	10.561
Goshen	6.873	5.894	7.069	6.561	6.054	6.341	7.326
South.	41.122	42.039	42.008	42.644	42.482	42.244	42.341
West.	10.882	11.122	10.861	11.034	12.109	12.683	14.177
Wmbg	31.501	30.491	30.328	29.324	27.952	27.415	25.595

Personnel newly employed by the District included:

Mrs. Merrilee Crepeau, M. A. (part-time)	Adjustment Counselor
Miss Lorraine Dalton, B.A.	English
Miss Shireen Filkins, B.A.	Mathematics
Mr. Arthur Gilmore	Music
Mrs. Maureen Hart, B.A.	Social Studies
Mrs. Anita Hickey	Secretary
Mr. Robert Johnson, M. Ed. (Central Office)	Dir. of Special Ed.
Miss Mary Jane Kiely, B.A. (part-time)	Speech Therapy
Mr. Robert LaFontaine, B.S.	Physical Education
Mrs. Ilene Lorow (Central Office)	Secretary

Mrs Aline MacDonald	Cook
Mrs. Jeanette McClellan, M.A.	Music
Mr. Kevin Miller, M.A.	Guidance
Mrs. Virginia Newell, M. ED.	Mathematics
Miss Susan Nye, B.A.	English
Mrs. Jocelyn Tyson	Library Aide
Mr. Frederick Rugg, M. Ed.	Director of Guidance

Personnel who left the employ of the District in 1976 included the following:

Mrs. Rosemarie Coombs	Assistant Librarian
Mrs. Linda DeGregorio (Central Office)	Secretary
Ms. Joanne Dunleavy, B.A.	Social Studies
Mrs. Linda Erdmann, B.A.(Central Office)	Sp. Ed. Coordinator
Mr. Frank Farinella, M.Ed.(Central Office)	Dir. of Special Ed.
Mr. George Feiker	Director of Guidance
Mrs. Esther Holway, B.A.	Music
Mrs. June Marx, M.S.S.	(part-time) Adjustment Counselor
Mrs. Ernestine Munson	Cook
Mrs. Katherine Pasch, M.A.T.	English
Mrs. Pamela Ryan, B.A. (part-time)	Speech Therapy
Miss Christine Scott	Secretary
Mrs. Norine Tiley, B.A.	Music
Mr. Andrew Wildes, B.A.	Mathematics

Respectfully submitted,
DONALD J. BUSS
Superintendent of Schools

HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REPORT OF THE TREASURER

July 1, 1975 through June 30, 1976

Balance Sheet— June 30, 1976

ASSETS

Cash	
General Fund	\$419,013.35
Construction Fund	75.04
	————— \$419,088.39
Loans Authorized and Unissued	239,530.00
Telephone Account	74.51
Total Assets	\$658,692.90

LIABILITIES

Annuities	50.00
Blue Cross	1,002.48
Insurance	31.20
Credit Union Loan	340.00
Credit Union Deposit	480.00
Washington National Insurance	31.12
Loans Authorized and Unissued	239,530.00
Gifts	340.25
P. L. 874	13,590.81
Project Adventure	2,636.58
Surplus Revenue	295,026.46
Cafeteria	14,940.98
Athletic Fund	5,643.57
Vandalism	557.99
1000-756	445.22
2000-756	81,983.95
3000-756	1,126.92
4000-756	860.33
Construction	<u>75.04</u>
Total Liabilities	\$658,692.90

DEBT ACCOUNTS — June 30, 1976

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:

School Bonds 1968-1987	
Interest Rate 5% (Loan #2)	120,000.00
School Bonds 1970-1989	
Interest Rate 6.5% (Loan #4)	<u>2,725,000.00</u>
	\$2,845,000.00

Serial Loans

School Planning - Interest Payable	
June 15 & Dec. 15 - Principal Dec. 15	120,000.00
School Construction - Interest Payable	
April 1 & Oct. 1 - Principal Oct. 1	<u>2,725,000.00</u>
	\$2,845,000.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS & EXPENDITURES

Year Ending June 30, 1976

Account #	Budgeted 7/75 - 6/76	expended 7/75 - 6/76	Encumbered Sum. Payroll	Balance
Administration	52,482.00	47,869.44	445.22	4,167.34
Instruction	974,285.00	900,786.18	81,983.95	—8,485.13
P. L. 874	(9,820.00)	(9,820.00)	—	—
Other Sch. Serv.	221,677.00	241,698.97	1,126.92	-21,148.89
Operation of Plant	129,622.00	115,318.10	860.33	13,443.57

Fixed Charges	51,483.00	47,763.38	—	3,719.62
Community Services	2,600.00	—	—	2,600.00
New Equipment	10,417.00	9,945.25	—	471.75
Debt Ret. & serv.	399,838.00	399,837.50	—	.50
Programs with				
Other Districts	43,918.00	27,502.13	—	16,415.87
Total	\$1,886,322.00	\$1,790,720.95	\$84,416.42	\$11,184.63

1974-75 Bills Paid During 1975-76 Fiscal Year

	Transferred from Surplus Funds Reserved to Pay 1974-75 Bills	Transferred from Surplus for Unbudgeted Purposes (Vote of School Committee	Expended July 1, 75 - June 30, 76
Administration	0	462.00	462.00
Instruction	1,744.58	0	462.00
Operation of Plant	576.09	0	576.09
New Equipment	192.56	1,658.00	1,850.56
Total	\$2,513.23	\$2,120.00	\$4,633.23

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS

Year Ending June 30, 1976

Cash on Hand July 1, 1975		\$320,417.88
Receipts		
Assessment Revenue		
Chesterfield	154,110.00	
Goshen	81,819.00	
Southampton	574,140.00	
Westhampton	163,652.00	
Williamsburg	377,769.00	
		1,351,490.00
Interest Earned		
Savings Account		20,113.97
Grants		
Construction		126,787.50
Commissions		
N. E. Telephone		80.25
State and Federal Payments		
P. L. 874	6,073.81	
Mass. Div. Child Guardianship	6,365.32	
Conn. Div. Child Guardianship	1,231.75	
Chap. 71-B-766 SPED	58,048.82	
Chap. 71-16D-492	186,693.12	
Chap. 71-Transportation	227,510.55	
ESEA 1965 Title I Summer School	39,073.00	
Mass. Div. Library Ext. ESEA Title II	1,148.40	
ESEA 1965 Tit. III A.L.P. Proj. Adv.	14,687.00	
		540,831.77

Cafeteria Receipts		
Lunch Receipts	42,589.73	
Reimbursements	36,940.75	
Garbage	350.00	
Meal Tax	<u>47.28</u>	
		79,927.76
Temporary Loans		
Valley Bank		170,000.00
Athletic Revolving Fund		
Gate Receipts	3,138.00	
Athletic Shoes	962.50	
Misc. Equipment	10.95	
Tournament Trans. Reimbursement	<u>459.24</u>	
		4,570.69
Refunds		
King & Cushman - Workmen's Comp.	187.00	
Hamp. County - Health Accident Ins.	<u>91.00</u>	
		278.00
Employee Payroll Deductions		
Teacher Retirement	45,358.91	
County Retirement	6,737.13	
Annuities	6,810.00	
Federal Withholding	153,648.25	
State Withholding	46,593.02	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	18,078.19	
Equitable-Aetna	730.44	
MTA/NEA Dues	7,127.00	
MTA - Credit Union Loan	4,032.00	
MTA - Credit Union Deposit	11,125.00	
Washington National Insurance	<u>812.92</u>	
		301,052.86*

* (Includes \$410.00 paid by employees for BC & Ins. directly to Treasurer)

MISC. RECEIPTS

Driver Education Fees	4,845.00
Transcripts	67.00
Vending Machines	78.50
Janitor and Police	621.69
Gym Rent	12.00
Vandalism	57.00
Insurance Claim - Fire	1,482.77
Telephone Revolving	2,649.04
Telephone Calls	8.29

Copies	8.80	
Allegro Club - Janitor Service	<u>270.16</u>	
		10,100.25
Total Receipts		<u>\$2,605,233.05</u>
Total Balance and Receipts		\$2,925,650.93
DISBURSEMENTS		
Employee Payroll Deductions		
Teacher Retirement	45,358.91	
County Retirement	6,737.13	
Annuities	6,760.00	
Federal Withholding	153,648.25	
State Withholding	46,593.02	
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	17,214.11	
Equitable / Aetna	707.44	
MTA/NEA Dues	7,127.00	
MTA/Credit Union Loan	3,692.00	
MTA-Credit Union Deposit	10,645.00	
Washington National Insurance	<u>781.80</u>	
		299,264.66
Toward Debt Service	189,837.50	
Toward Debt Retirement	210,000.00	
Operational Costs	1,494,176.11	
ESEA Title I Summer School	39,073.00	
Damages paid from Fire Ins. Adjustment	924.78	
Athletic Fund & Athletic Shoe Fund	3,309.03	
Janitor & Police Account	621.69	
Conn. Div. of Child Guardianship Refund	242.92	
Library Project	1,148.40	
Cafeteria	69,964.34	
Meal Tax	47.28	
Project Adventure	12,050.42	
Temporary Loans	170,000.00	
Telephone Revolving Fund	2,320.43	
P. L. 874	9,820.00	
Construction Costs	3,726.98	
Driver Education Refund	<u>35.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$2,506,562.54
Cash on Hand June 30, 1976		\$419,088.39

STATEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT
Year Ending June 30, 1976

Balance July 1, 1975		\$ 75.04
Receipts		
Transferred from Surplus Revenue	3,726.98	
Total Receipts	3,726.98	
Total Balance & Receipts		\$3,802.02
Expenditures		
Equipment		
Hampshire Business Machines	1,108.00	
Mainco	689.03	
W. H. Brine	799.95	
Hampshire Office Equipment	585.00	
Beacon Musical Instruments	<u>545.00</u>	
Total Expenditures		3,726.98
Balance - June 30, 1976		\$ 75.04

STATEMENT OF SURPLUS REVENUE

General Fund Surplus 6-30-75		\$194,855.93
Less Amount to Reduce 75-76 Assessments—	45,000.00	
Transferred from Surplus Revenue during 75-76 Fiscal Year		
(1) To construction account by vote of HRSD School Committee	3,726.98	
(2) By vote of HRSD School Committee to pay 1974-75 bills	2,513.23	
(3) By vote of HRSD School Committee for unbudgeted purposes	<u>2,120.00</u>	
	<u>—8,360.21</u>	
Total transferred from Surplus Revenue		—53,360.21
Transferred to Surplus Revenue at the close of 75-75 Fiscal Year		
(1) Unexpended budget accounts	11,184.63	
(2) Surplus Estimated Receipts	142,346.11	
Total Transferred to Surplus Revenue		<u>+ 153,530.74</u>
Balance General Fund Surplus 6-30-76		\$295,026.46

STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Estimated Receipts:

Assessments - Member Towns	1,351,490.00	
Driver Education Fees	3,500.00	
Construction Grant	113,454.00	
Transportation Reimbursement	120,000.00	
Chap. 71B-766 SPED	58,000.00	
Chap. 492-Regional School Districts	<u>194,878.00</u>	
		1,841,322.00
Driver Education Refund		35.00
Conn. Div. Child Guardianship		<u>242.92</u>
		1,841,599.92

Receipts:

Assessment Revenue	1,351,490.00	
Interest Earned	20,113.97	
Construction Grants	126,787.50	
Commissions	80.25	
Mass. Div. Child Guardianship	6,365.32	
Conn. Div. Child Guardianship	1,231.75	
Chap. 71B-766SPED	58,048.82	
Chap. 71-16D-492	186,693.12	
Chap. 71 Transportation	227,510.55	
King & Cushman-Workmen's Comp.	187.00	
Hamp. County-Health Accident Ins.	91.00	
Driver Education Fees	4,845.00	
Transcripts	67.00	
Vending Machines	78.50	
Gym Rent	12.00	
Vandalism	57.00	
Telephone Calls	8.29	
Copies	8.80	
Allegro Club - Janitor service	<u>270.16</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$1,983,946.03</u>
Surplus of Anticipation Receipts		142,346.11

Respectfully Submitted,

JEANETTE M. O'NEIL
Treasurer

HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

To: The Treasurers and the Residents of the Towns of Chesterfield, Goshen, Southampton, Westhampton and Williamsburg.

From: The Hampshire Regional School Committee.
Re: Capital and Operational Assessments for July 1, 1977 through June 30, 1978.

The budget for the Regional District for the period of July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1978, represents the amount of money which will be needed to operate and maintain the District and its school.

In accordance with the provisions of the Agreement establishing the District together with certain provisions of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, the School Committee has adopted a tentative budget for the coming fiscal year, conducted a public hearing on the budget and then adopted a final budget.

The Agreement and the General Laws further provide that the Committee shall apportion among the member towns the amounts necessary to be raised in order to meet the said budget. The amounts so apportioned for each member town shall be certified by the Regional Treasurer to the Treasurers of the member towns, and each member town shall, at its next annual town meeting, appropriate the amount so certified to it.

- This document consists of three sections:
- I. The Regional Budget.
 - II. The Apportionment Statistics for the Five (5) Member Towns.
 - III. The Assessments for the 1977-1978 Fiscal Year.

REGIONAL BUDGET

Administration		
School Committee		
Contracted Services	\$ 1,350.	
Supplies and Materials	385.	
Other Expense	3,594.	
Total School Committee	—————	\$ 5,329.
Superintendent's Office		
Professional Salaries	28,592.	
Clerical Salaries	13,350.	
Contracted Services	1,200.	
Office Expenses, Supplies	2,131.	
Office Expenses, Main of Equip.	205.	
Office Expenses, Telephone	1,861.	
Other Expense (In State)	1,394.	

Other Expense (Out of State)	228.	
Total Superintendent's Office	-----	48,961.
Total Administration		54,290.
Instruction		
Supervision		
Professional Salaries - SPED	8,283.	
Clerical Salaries - SPED	2,623.	
Office Expenses, Supplies - SPED	608.	
Office Expenses, Telephone - SPED	758.	
Other Expenses - SPED	384.	
Total Supervision	-----	12,656.
Principal's Office		
Professional Salaries	41,354.	
Clerical Salaries	20,305.	
Contracted Services	4,217.	
Office Expenses	2,700.	
Other Expenses	1,800.	
Total Principal's Office	-----	70,376.
Teaching		
Professional Salaries	864,645.	
Contracted Services	1,500.	
Classroom Supplies	34,000.	
Other Expenses	1,000.	
Professional Salaries - SPED	44,556.	
Other Salaries - SPED	11,589.	
Contracted Services - SPED	200.	
Classroom Supplies - SPED	1,500.	
Other Expenses - SPED	150.	
Total Teaching	-----	959,140.
Textbooks		
Textbooks	17,663.	
Textbooks - SPED	600.	
Total Textbooks	-----	18,263.
Library Services		
Professional Salaries	12,245.	
Library Aide	4,858.	
Supplies & Materials	8,000.	
Other Expense	50.	
Total Library Services	-----	25,333.
Audio Visual Services		
Supplies & Materials	5,000.	
Supplies & Materials - SPED	1,000.	
Total Audio Visual Services	-----	6,000.

Guidance Services		
Professional Services	56,018.	
Clerical Services	5,465.	
Supplies & Materials	900.	
Other Expense	600.	
Total Guidance Services	<u> </u>	62,983.
Psychological Services		
Professional Salaries - SPED	6,274.	
Supplies - SPED	150.	
Other Expenses - SPED	1,659.	
Total Psychological Services	<u> </u>	8,083.
Total Instruction		\$1,162,834.
Other School Services		
Attendance		
Professional Salaries	2,041.	
Other Expenses	120.	
Total Attendance	<u> </u>	2,161.
Health Services		
Professional Salaries	9,902.	
Supplies & Materials	350.	
Total Health Services	<u> </u>	10,252.
Transportation		
Regular Transportation	192,283.	
Special Class - SPED	42,693.	
Total Transportation	<u> </u>	234,976.
Athletics		
Contracted Services	9,000.	
Supplies & Materials	5,000.	
Other Expenses	1,800.	
Total Athletics	<u> </u>	15,800.
Other Student Body Activities		
Contracted Services	1,000.	
Supplies & Materials	868.	
Other Expense	483.	
Total Student Body Activities	<u> </u>	2,351.
Total Other School Services		265,540.
Operation and Maintenance of Plant		
Custodial Services		
Salaries	61,244.	
Supplies & Materials	5,028.	
Other Expenses	125.	
Total Custodial Services	<u> </u>	66,397.
Fuel		16,000.
Utilities		27,111.

Maintenance of Grounds		
Contracted Services	1,078.	
Supplies & Materials	3,954.	
Total Maintenance of Grounds	—————	5,032.
Maintenance of Buildings		
Contracted Services	5,260.	
Supplies & Materials	2,225.	
Total Maintenance of Buildings	—————	7,485.
Maintenance of Equipment		
Contracted Services	5,000.	
Supplies & Materials	737.	
Total Maintenance of Equipment	—————	5,737.
Total Operation & Maintenance of Plant		127,762.
Fixed Charges		
County Retirement System	20,090.	
Insurance	48,586.	
Rent - Superintendent's Office	4,032.	
Debt Service (Temporary Loans)	4,000.	
Total Fixed Charges	—————	76,708.
Acquisition of Fixed Assets		
New Equipment	6,000.	
New Equipment - SPED	970.	
Total Acquisition of Fixed Assets	—————	6,970.
Debt Retirement and Service		
Debt Retirement and Service	205,000.	
Debt Service	163,363.	
Total Debt Retirement and Service	—————	368,363.
Programs with Other Districts		
Tuition - SPED	4,449.	
Tuition with Collaboratives - SPED	34,328.	
Total Programs with Other Districts	—————	38,777.
Total Budget July 1, 1977 - June 30, 1978		\$2,101,244.

APPORTIONMENT STATISTICS FOR THE FIVE (5) MEMBER TOWNS

Section IV(D) of the Agreement as amended by recent legislation states in part that each member town's share of capital and operating costs for each fiscal year shall be determined by computing the ratio which that town's pupil enrollment in the regional district school on October 1 of the year next preceding the fiscal year for which the apportionment is determined bears to the total pupil enrollment from all the member towns in the regional district school on the same date.

The following statistics include all pupils enrolled at the Regional School plus those pupils under the jurisdiction of the District who are assigned to special programs in other schools as of October 1, 1976.

Grade	Chest.	Goshen	South.	Westh.	Wmsbg.	Total
7	18	14	81	24	39	176
8	22	16	80	27	59	204
9	25	14	71	28	38	176
10	15	9	68	28	39	159
11	14	15	70	19	52	170
12	17	9	74	23	42	165
Special	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total	111	77	445	149	269	1051

Percentages	10.561	7.326	42.341	14.177	25.595	100.00
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ASSESSMENTS for the 1977-1978 FISCAL YEAR

A. Summary of the 1977-78 Budget

	Operating	Capital	=	Total
Administration	54,290. \$		\$	54,290.
Instruction	1,162,834.			1,162,834.
Other School Services	265,540.			265,540.
Operation & Maint.	127,762.			127,762.
Fixed Charges	76,708.			76,708.
Acquisition of Fixed Assets		6,970.		6,970.
Debt. Retirement & Service		368,363.		368,363.
Prog./Other Sch. Dist.	38,777.			38,777.
Total	\$1,725,911.	375,333.		\$2,101,244.

B. Sources of Revenue

1. Anticipated Receipts	
a. Construction Grant	61,204.
b. Transportation Reimbursement	172,800.
c. Driver Education Fees	5,625.
d. Regional School Aid (Chap.492)	147,600.
e. Special Education	115,699.
2. Surplus Funds	65,907.
3. Misc. Income	5,000.
4. Assessment	1,527,409.
5. P.L. 874 - see account 2300311	
Total	\$2,101,244.

C. Operational Assessments

1. Operational portion of the 1977-78 budget:	\$1,725,911.
a. Less Operational Surplus:	— 50,908.

b. Less Anticipated Receipts:			
1. Transportation Reimbursement		—	172,800.
2. Driver Education Fees		—	5,625.
3. Region School Aid (Chap.492)		—	147,600.
4. Special Education		—	115,699.
5. Misc. Income		—	<u>5,000.</u>
c. To be raised through Assessments:			\$1,228,279.
2. Operational Assessments to Member Towns			
a. Chesterfield	10.561%	\$	129,718.
b. Goshen	7.326%		89,984
c. Southampton	42.341%		520,066.
d. Westhampton	14.177%		174,133.
e. Williamsburg	<u>25.595%</u>		<u>314,378.</u>
Total	100.000%		\$1,228,279.
D. Capital Assessments			
1. Capital portion of the 1977-1978 budget:		\$	375,333.
a. Less State Construction Grant:		—	61,204.
b. Less Capital Surplus:		—	<u>14,999.</u>
c. To be raised through Assessments			\$ 299,130.
2. Capital Assessments to Member Towns:			
a. Chesterfield	10.561%	\$	31,591.
b. Goshen	7.326%		21,914.
c. Southampton	42.341%		126,655.
d. Westhampton	14.177%		42,408.
e. Williamsburg	<u>25.595%</u>		<u>76,562.</u>
Total	100.000%		\$ 299,130
E. Total Assessments for 1977-1978			
	Operational	Capital	Total
1. Chesterfield	\$ 129,718.	\$ 31,591.	\$ 161,309.
2. Goshen	89,984.	21,914.	111,898.
3. Southampton	520,066.	126,655.	646,721.
4. Westhampton	174,133.	42,408.	216,541.
5. Williamsburg	<u>314,378.</u>	<u>76,562.</u>	<u>390,940.</u>
Total	\$1,228,279.	299,130.	1,527,409.

In order to comply with Section IV(E) of the Regional Agreement as amended, the Treasurers of the Towns of Chesterfield, Goshen, Southampton, Westhampton and Williamsburg, are requested to pay their proportionate share of the capital and operating costs as described herein to the Treasurer of the Hampshire Regional School District (Mrs. Jeanette M. O'Neill, Office of the Superintendent of Schools, Williamsburg, Mass.)

Payment Due	Chest fld	Goshen	South	West.	Wmsbg.	
Aug. 15, 77	40,327.25	27,974.50	161,680.25	54,135.25	97,735.00	381,852.25
Nov. 15, 77	40,327.25	27,974.50	161,680.25	54,135.25	97,735.00	381,852.25
Feb. 15, 78	40,327.25	27,974.50	161,680.25	54,135.25	97,735.00	381,852.25
May 15, 78	40,327.25	27,974.50	161,680.25	54,135.25	97,735.00	381,852.25
	\$161,309.00	111,898.00	646,721.00	216,541.00	390,940.00	1,527,409.00

For the Hampshire Regional School District

JEANETTE M. O'NEILL, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

At the organizational meeting held in January we were pleased to welcome Mrs. Gale Wright as a new member. Stanley Greenberg continued as chairman and Mrs. Estelle Frary as secretary. The inventory of Westhampton Historic Properties was completed late in the year and a copy submitted to the Massachusetts Historical Commission for inclusion in the state inventory. Historical research on individual properties in the inventory will continue. Completion of the town inventory will enable Westhampton to participate in the National Register, and Historic District programs which provide protection, and in some cases, matching grants for the preservation of historic properties. Other projects started in 1975 and continued in 1976 included the indexing of Westhampton items in the Hampshire Gazette, the photocopying of the original town records, and an oral history project. The commission looks forward to working with the Westhampton Bicentennial Committee in preparing to celebrate the town's 200th birthday in 1978.

Respectfully submitted,
 STANLEY GREENBERG, Chairman
 ESTELLE FRARY, Secretary
 CHARLES BURT
 PEARL FLINT
 GALE WRIGHT

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Westhampton Fire Department's majority of truck runs this year were for chimney fires. This is naturally due to the increase in wood stoves in recent years. This is an indication that chimneys should be checked and cleaned at least once a year to prevent buildup of residue in the chimney and adjacent pipes. Also, wood stoves should not be overloaded or fireplaces left unattended without proper screening. A faulty or improperly installed stove could cause carbon monoxide poisoning.

A First Aid course, with Chief John Doherty of the Amherst Fire Department instructing, was held by our department with a number of residents taking advantage of this very important and informative training.

A generous donation was received from Stanley Bartlett, which will be used for additional equipment in the department.

Your firemen participated in a number of drills this past year, several of which consisted of burning unwanted buildings at the request of their owners.

Permits Issued:

Farmers Burning Permits	9
Regular Burning Permits	214
Liquified Gas Permits	4
Power Burner & Storage Permits	20
Truck Runs	18

Again, I want to thank all the townspeople for practicing fire safety. I also want to thank all the men in the department who unselfishly dedicate many hours of their time to the town. A special thanks also to Frank Munson who has donated innumerable hours in the maintenance of the trucks. All the men are on call 24 hours of the day, 365 days a year without any compensation. It is men like these that the Town should be justly proud of.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID K. BRIDGMAN
Fire Chief and Forest Warden

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Your Police Department continues to update itself both with equipment and knowledge. Charles Norris attended a weekend seminar at Topsfield, seminar's were also attended by all other policemen when those available could be worked into our work schedule. The Police Officers have equipped themselves with C.B. Radio's so that we may operate more efficiently. This at no expense to the Town. Again I would remind all that the Police and Fire phones are emergency phones and only calls that require Police or Fire action should use these numbers. All other calls should be made on personal phones.

Margo Hickey has been appointed a Police Officer this year.

Following is a resume of Police activities for the Year 1976:

Ambulance Assisted	7
Accidents - Motor Vehicles - reported and investigated	25
Calls to Hampshire Regional	5
Emergency Calls - Transported to Hospital	2
Family Disturbances	5
Driving under the influence of Alcohol	3
Convictions	3
House Breaks or Larceny	23
Solved	18
House checks requested on Vacation	20
General Inquiries or complaints	239
Missing Persons	8
Returned	8
Referred to Dog Officer	13
Stolen Cars	7
Stolen or abandoned cars recovered	3
Prowlers reported	5
Caught	1
Patrolling on informal schedule	
Vandalism	5
Property Damage with Motor Vehicle	5
Total logged calls	379

Respectfully submitted

FRANCIS H. LOUD

Police Chief

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

Following the first Public Hearing meeting in '76, the Board Members met briefly and reorganized for the year as follows:

Regular (voting) Members	Alternate Members
Stanley Greenberg	Earl Gett
John McGinnis, Clerk	John Lynes
Esther Williams, Chairman	John Wright

Four (4) Public Hearings were held by the Board during 1976:

The first hearing was called due to an artesian well matter, which resulted in a problem for the Board of Health rather than the Appeals Board.

The second petition pertained to Section IV, 2d of the Protective Zoning By-Laws (re Use Regulations) for permission to convert a one-family dwelling to a two-family residential dwelling. This permit was granted.

The last two petitions pertained to Article III Section III of the Protective By-Laws (re property-line and lot-size building requirements), and these variances were both granted.

All regular and alternate members have made an effort to attend and assist in the Public Hearings and have made on-site visits when possible and necessary. (Board Members have endeavored to alternate duties and involve and acquaint each Board Member with the Board's procedures.)

The Board has continued with its policy of holding meetings at times designated by the Chairman, usually only after petitions are filed with the Town Clerk. (These public hearing meetings are generally set for 7:30 p.m. or 8:00 p.m. on designated Monday evenings, allowing for due prior notice to abutters, etc. and published legal notices.) Following the Public Hearings, the Boards decision on each Case is duly filed, and is on record, with the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER WILLIAMS
Chairman, Board of Appeals

REPORT OF CIVIL DEFENSE

Although we have not received official notice of a change in Civil Defense policy, articles in the "U. S. Civil Defense Bulletin" indicate a change in national emphasis from planning for natural disasters to planning for possible enemy nuclear attack; however, during the year meetings were held to discuss peacetime disaster planning. In June we attended an Area 4 meeting concerned with tornado preparedness, flash floods, and severe local storms. At the earlier meeting, FY 77 CD Program Papers were examined and outlined. Approval of the Westhampton Paper enabled us to continue to participate in the surplus disposal program and several trips were made to the Taunton depot to pick up items for the school and other town departments. After a lapse of two years, subject Checkerboard communication tests were resumed. They are held to determine the speed at which messages from the state to local level can be sent and received.

Respectfully submitted,

STANLEY GREENBERG, Director

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

We held regular monthly meetings at the town hall on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. We have cooperated with Selectmen, the Board of Health, Pine Island Lake Association, and interested persons of Westhampton.

We are trying to aid in solving the health problem of the poultry farm. We are sponsoring two youth to the Massachusetts 4-H Conservation Workshop in February. We feel this will be a course of training the youth in conservation work and entitling them to be associate members to the Town Conservation Commission.

No public hearings have been held this year.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY M. MILLER
Secretary

REPORT OF THE CENTER CEMETERY CARETAKER

This past year I reset and repaired fourteen monuments that were broken or tipped over.

The cemetery committee is in the process of adding 330 new lots. Mowing the grass consumed most of the summer time. Again in the fall the raking up of leaves.

We are still having trouble with vandalism. A lot of damage was done to the upper three lots. It looks like we are going to start locking up the cemetery at night with a chain across the gates.

There were 6 burials in 1976 and 10 new lots were chosen.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. WARREN

Caretaker

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

86 Dog complaints

4 Dog Bites

47 Stray dogs picked up

31 Stray dogs returned to owners

54 Reports of missing dogs

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. MCGILL

REPORT OF GAS INSPECTOR

Three residents were in violation of gas code and were asked to comply.

Two installations without permits.

We again remind all residents of Westhampton that all gas piping comes under State Permit. Only a person with a license shall install gas lines.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD A. PATTERSON

Gas Inspector

REPORT OF THE SANITATION INSPECTOR

- 33 Permits Issued
- 18 Percolations Tests
- 35 Inspections
- 32 Pre-percolation Test Inspections, Deep Test Hole Observations and Consultations

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES G. HICKEY

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

13 New Dwellings	\$455,000.00
16 Additions and renovations	55,200.00
4 Garages	12,000.00
6 Barns	25,400.00
8 Storage buildings	5,950.00
2 Trailers	5,100.00
2 Sugar Houses	1,880.00
1 Slaughter House	9,500.00
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	\$560,030.00

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. McGILL

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

January 1, 1976 - April 3, 1976

- 2 Permits Issued.
- 4 Rough Inspections.
- 6 Finish Inspections.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES G. HICKEY

- 16 Plumbing permits issued
- 18 Rough plumbing inspections
- 13 Finish plumbing inspections

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER A. KWOLEK

REPORT OF THE WELL CHILD CLINIC

The annual Well Child Clinic was held on June 9, 1975, at the Westhampton church. Fifteen children attended the clinic, which is open to all town preschoolers.

Complete physical examinations were given to thirteen children by Dr. Selkirk. Mrs. Stella Swanson, dental hygienist, gave dental checkups to eleven children. Fifteen immunizations were given, and five tuberculin tests were done. Six children received audio visual tests.

I want to thank the church directors for again allowing us the use of the church basement. My sincere thanks also to the five volunteer workers, whose willing help made the clinic run very smoothly.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET HAYES, R.N.

REPORT OF THE WIRING INSPECTOR

In 1976 many inspections were made at new homes, also at numerous older homes where new services or rewiring were done.

22 New Homes - Rough and /or Final Inspections

5 Older Homes

3 Poultry Farm

1 Trailer

44 Inspections made

I hope most residents are aware of the dangers that electrical installations and equipment can cause. Check for bad cords on electrical drills, power saws, sanders, etc. and particularly lamp cords and extensions. Also, keep a clear space in front of your electrical panels.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD C. WILLIAMS
Wiring Inspector

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee for the year 1976-1977 were:

Charles Ognibene (elected)
Robert Miller (elected)
Frank Montague (elected)
Mahlon Parsons (elected)
Philip Norris (elected)

James O. Hickey (elected)
Daniel Bishop (Assessors' rep.)
Lawrence Sullivan (Selectmen's rep.)
Henry Parsons III (Selectmen's rep.)
Olga Hathaway (Town Treasurer)

Janice Gifford was appointed to replace Daniel Bishop who resigned from the Board of Assessors.

The first meeting was held on April 22, 1976, at which time Charles Ognibene was elected Chairman and Robert Miller was elected Secretary. The Selectmen requested a transfer of \$100.00 to cover the cost of printing the annual reports and also the amount of \$488.92 from the reserve account to pay the county taxes. Action on both requests was unanimous in the affirmative.

At the June 17th meeting, four (4) requests for a total of \$1,523.07 were unanimously approved. These were: \$898.10 from the Reserve Fund to the Road Machinery Account; \$21.55 for the Recreation Committee; \$466.25 to the Insurance and Bonds Account; and \$137.17 for printing and supplies.

The Selectmen requested the Committee to meet with them on October 21, to discuss and act on a request for a transfer of \$410.00 from the Reserve Account to the Veterans Relief Account. After much discussion a motion was made to "NOT approve the transfer of the \$410.00." This motion carried by a 6 to 1 vote. A discussion was also held about what types of projects might be considered which could come under the Public Works Act.

The Committee met on January 20, 1977, and approved the (4) articles for the Special Town Meeting held on February 14.

On February 10, 1977, a joint meeting was held with the Selectmen at which time the proposed budget for FY 1977 was presented. In attendance at this meeting also were representatives from the Library Committee and the Highway Superintendent to answer any questions about their respective budget requests. The total budget of \$106,328.62 was approved and recommended for adoption by the Town Meeting.

The articles for the Annual Town Meeting were presented and discussed. The Committee voted to recommend for adoption the following articles: Article 3, Article 4, Article 7, Article 8, Article 9, Article 10, Article 12, and Article 13.

Article 5 was not recommended for adoption by a vote of 4 to 2 with 2 members abstaining.

Article 11 was not recommended for adoption by a vote of 5 to 2 with 1 member abstaining.

On February 15, 1977, the Finance Committee met with the School Committee at which time the Center School Proposed budget for FY 1977 was presented. After considerable discussion it was decided to include an additional \$7,221.00 in the teachers' salary category to cover the cost of a possible second Kindergarten session. The total school budget was approved at the total of \$183,742.00.

A special meeting of the Finance Committee was requested by the Selectmen to discuss two items of business to be brought before the Town Meeting.

The first item of business concerned Article 14 dealing with the Tax survey Map. This article was tabled at last year's meeting however it was decided to include it on the Warrant again this year. The motion was made and seconded to "NOT RECOMMEND adoption of Article." This motion was unanimously carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

The second order of business was request by the Selectmen to add an item to their budget request. This account will be called the "HIGHWAY MATERIALS ACCOUNT" which would be used only for the purchase of materials for highway maintainance and construction, no salaries being paid from this account. The motion to establish this account and fund it with \$12,000.00 to be raised by taxation was made and seconded. The Finance Committee unanimously approved this request by a vote of 6 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT E. MILLER
Secretary

**ARTICLES OF THE WARRANT FOR THE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING APRIL 2, 1977**

ARTICLE 1: To hear and act on all reports presented at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2: To elect by ballot necessary officers to serve ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to leave the care of the highways in charge of the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 4: To vote in compliance with Section 108, Chapter 41, General Laws, which requires that salaries of elected officials be fixed by vote of the Town.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, the sum of \$216,541.00 for Westhampton's share to the Hampshire Regional School District or pass any other vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, the sum of \$183,742.00 for Center School, or pass any other vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to use a sum of (monies) from Free Cash for the purpose of reducing taxes for the 1977-1978 Fiscal Year.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges in the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1977 and ending June 30, 1978, and to issue a note or notes that may be given for the period of less than one year, in accordance with Sections 4 and 17 of Chapter 44, General Laws of Mass., or pass any vote or votes in relation thereon.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to the Stabilization Fund, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$793.00 for the purpose of providing Mental Health and Mental Retardation service for citizens of the Town, and that the sum of \$793.00 to be transferred to the Franklin/Hampshire Area Board Trust Fund with approval and under the direction of the School Committee or Board of

Health, or under their joint direction or whomever else may be designated by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$4,200.00 for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 1977 for the Library Account, and to meet this appropriation the Town accept the sum of \$1,000.00 from 1976 State Aid to Libraries and to raise \$3,200.00 by taxation, plus Dog Refund.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$2,000.00 for the observance of the Town's Bicentennial Celebration in 1978, to match 1976 appropriation, or take any other action thereto.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors, with the approval of the Selectmen, to contract for the preparation of Town Tax Maps at a cost of \$30,000.00 over a period of three fiscal years (1978, 1979, and 1980). Said costs to be raised and appropriated at the rate of \$10,000.00 each such fiscal year.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to change Section 1 under Town Meetings of the By-Law to read: The Annual Town Meeting for the election of officers and business meeting shall be held on the first Monday in April, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to change the name of the Charles M. Norris Historical Commission to the Westhampton Historical Commission or take any other action thereto.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to pay for damages to police officers' vehicles damaged while in the line of duty, not to exceed their deductible amount, or take any other action thereto.

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